



U.S. charges WikiLeaks founder with publishing classified info

By ERIC TUCKER

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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a case with significant First Amendment implications, the U.S. filed new charges Thursday against WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, accusing him of violating the Espionage Act by publishing secret documents containing the names of confidential military and diplomatic sources. The Justice Department's 18-count superseding indictment alleges that Assange directed former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning in one of the largest compromises of classified information in U.S. history. It says the WikiLeaks founder, currently in custody in London, dam-

aged national security by publishing documents that harmed the U.S. and its allies and aided its adversaries.

The case comes amid a Justice Department crackdown on national security leaks and raised immediate fear among news media advocates that Assange's actions — including soliciting and publishing classified information — are indistinguishable from what traditional journalists do on a daily basis. Those same concerns led the Obama administration Justice Department to balk at bringing charges for similar conduct.

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Assange's lawyer, Barry Pollack, said Thursday that the "unprecedented charges" against his client imperil "all journalists in their endeavor to inform the public about actions that have been taken by the U.S. government." The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press called the case a "dire threat" to media freedom, and the American Civil Liberties Union said it was the first time in history a publisher was charged for disclosing truthful information.

But Justice Department officials sought to make clear that they believed Assange's actions weren't those of a journalist, though they declined to discuss the policy discussions that led to the indictment.

"Julian Assange is no journalist," said Assistant Attorney General John Demers, the Justice Department's top national security official. "No responsible actor — journalist or otherwise — would purposely publish the names of individuals he or she knew to be confidential human sources in war zones, exposing them to the gravest of dangers."

Zachary Terwilliger, the U.S. Attorney in Alexandria, Virginia, where the case was brought, said Assange was charged with illegally soliciting classified information and not simply publishing it. He said that though the indictment alleges that he published hundreds of thousands of documents, it charges him with disclosing only a "narrow set of documents" related to the identities of confidential sources. "The indictment alleges that Assange knew that his publication of these sources endangered them," he said.

Prosecutors sought throughout the document to make a distinction between what Assange did as the founder and "public face" of WikiLeaks and the work of journalists.

They noted, for example, that he promoted his site to a convention of European hackers and published a list of the classified information he sought as "The Most Wanted Leaks of 2009." They described how Assange worked with Manning to improperly access Defense Department computers to gain access to thousands of pages of material and encouraged



In this May 16, 2019, file photo, former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning speaks with reporters, outside federal court in Alexandria, Va.

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her as she delved through databases for information. Prosecutors also say the danger wasn't just to the U.S. government, but to people who worked with it. Reports from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq published by Assange included the names of Afghans and Iraqis who provided information to American and coalition forces, while the diplomatic cables he released exposed journalists, religious leaders, human rights advocates and dissidents in repressive countries.

Assange said in an August 2010 interview that it was "regrettable" that sources disclosed by WikiLeaks could be harmed, according to the indictment.

Later, after a State Department legal adviser informed him of the risk to "countless innocent individuals" compromised by the leaks, Assange said he would work with mainstream news organizations to redact the names of individuals. WikiLeaks did hide some names but then published 250,000 cables a year later without hiding the identities of people named in the papers.

WikiLeaks played a central role in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible coordination between the Trump campaign and Russia, having published Democratic emails that were hacked by Russian intelligence officers. The allegations in

Thursday's indictment are entirely separate from that episode.

The new Espionage Act charges go far beyond an initial indictment against Assange made public last month that accused him of conspiring with Manning to crack a Defense Department computer password. First Amendment aside, the indictment poses a secondary ethical question for journalists. News organizations around the world widely used the Manning material, which provided previously unavailable information about the Guantanamo Bay detention center, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and international diplomacy. Many reporters found the documents that he released inherently newsworthy.

"These unprecedented charges demonstrate the gravity of the threat the criminal prosecution of Julian Assange poses to all journalists in their endeavor to inform the public about actions that have taken by the U.S. government," said Pollack, Assange's lawyer. Justice Department officials mulled charges for Assange following the documents' 2010 publication, but ultimately decided that it could be hard to justify charging him with actions that more conventional journalists take.

The posture changed in the Trump administration, with former Attorney General Jeff Sessions in 2017 calling

Assange's arrest a priority. Attorney General William Barr paused for several seconds at his confirmation hearing when asked if his Justice Department would ever jail journalists, finally saying there were scenarios when he could envision it as a last resort.

A senior Justice Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday to discuss the prosecution, said the case had been "looked at by a number of prosecutors" and prosecutors reached the point "where we believed we had assembled the best case that we could."

Assange, 47, is in custody in London after being evicted from the Ecuadorian Embassy in April. The U.S. is seeking his extradition.

Manning, who was convicted in military court for providing a trove of classified documents to WikiLeaks, is currently in a northern Virginia jail on a civil contempt charge. Manning spent two months in the Alexandria Detention Center beginning in March after she refused to testify to a grand jury investigating WikiLeaks. Manning has said she believes prosecutors want to question her about the same conduct for which she was convicted at her court-martial. She served seven years of a 35-year military sentence before receiving a commutation from then-President Barack Obama. □

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U.S. withdraws train crew proposal that came after explosions

By MATTHEW BROWN

Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The Trump administration said Thursday it was withdrawing a proposal for freight trains to have at least two crew members, nullifying a safety measure drafted under President Barack Obama in response to explosions of crude oil trains in the U.S. and Canada.

A review of accident data did not support the notion that having one crew member is less safe than multi-person crews, Department of Transportation officials said. The withdrawal also seeks to pre-empt states from regulating crew sizes.

The 2016 proposal followed oil train derailments including a runaway oil train in 2013 that derailed, exploded and killed 47 people while levelling much of the town of Lac Megantic, Canada. Other derailments of trains car-

rying oil and ethanol have occurred in North Dakota, Oregon, Montana, Illinois, Virginia and other states.

Under Obama, regulators concluded that having two or more crew members would be worth the extra cost even if it prevented a single accident.

The rail industry, which long maintained that crew requirements were unnecessary, cheered Thursday's move.

But a representative for a rail workers union said it would put the public at greater risk by removing a safeguard against accidents. Most trains currently operate with at least two crew members but without a government regulation there's no guarantee that would continue indefinitely. "If railroads would start running single person operators, there's nobody up there to interact to make sure everything is done right," said John Risch, leg-

islative affairs director for SMART Transportation Division, a rail workers union.

"The government has essentially said we're not going to provide any oversight whatsoever. Whatever the railroads want to do, they can do," Risch said.

The Federal Railroad Administration said in a statement that the rail industry has "maintained a strong safety record in the absence of regulation on this issue."

The statement also said a crew staffing rule would have would have been "an unnecessary obstacle" to future innovation in the industry.

Thursday's withdrawal marks the latest rollback since President Donald Trump took office of safety rules adopted under Obama in the face of opposition from the energy and transportation industries.

The administration this



In this Dec. 30, 2013 file photo, a fireball goes up at the site of an oil train derailment near Casselton, N.D.

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month eased inspection requirements for offshore oil and gas drilling put in place after the deadly 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill. And transportation officials had earlier rescinded a requirement for more advanced electronic brakes for trains hauling crude and other hazardous fuels. Railroad company repre-

sentatives said the withdrawn crew rule would have locked them into crew sizes at a time when the industry is expanding the use of new technologies such as positive train control. Those are computer-based systems that can automatically stop trains to prevent accidents caused by high speed or collisions. □



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GOP, Democrats team up to address surprise medical bills

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Plunging ahead despite paralyzing partisanship in the nation's capital, senior lawmakers of both parties Thursday proposed legislation to tackle surprise medical bills and other concerns, from prescription drug costs to uneven vaccination rates.

The draft bill from Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Patty Murray, D-Wash.,

echoes a time when health care issues often led to dialogue and cooperation between political parties. Alexander chairs the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions committee, while Murray is the ranking Democrat.

"We can make progress when both sides are at the table ready to put patients and families first," Murray said in a statement. Alexander said he wants to bring the bill to the Senate floor in July and get legislation on President Donald Trump's desk.

But with Trump threatening to halt all cooperation with Democrats unless House Democrats stop investigating him, the outlook is unclear. Alexander says his bill represents "common sense steps" — more than 30 specific ideas — that are readily achievable.

"Surprise medical bills" are the shockingly high charges insured patients can get hit with when a hospital or doctor is not in their insurers' network. Earlier this month, Trump held a White House event to declare his eagerness to sign a fix into law. The Alexander-Murray legislation would protect patients by limiting their financial responsibility to their own plan's in-network rates, when they receive emergency care at an out-of-network hospital, or when an out-of-network clinician provides services at an in-network facility.

But the legislation remains a work in progress, since

lawmakers still have to figure out how hospitals, doctors and insurers would settle the costs among themselves. Insurers and employers who sponsor workplace coverage favor a set formula for calculating fees, while hospitals and doctors are calling for arbitration.

Alexander and Murray have plenty of company on surprise medical bills, since lawmakers in both chambers of Congress have advanced various proposals. A lobbying war has broken out between insurers and employers on one side, and hospitals and doctors on the other, over how to determine payments once patients are no longer liable for out-of-network care.

On prescription drugs, the bill includes a smorgasbord of measures aimed at indirectly lowering drug prices. But none of the proposals would require drugmakers to lower their prices or authorize the government to negotiate better deals. Instead, several sections of the bill would discourage industry tactics long used to delay the launch of lower-priced generic medications. For instance, branded drug manufacturers routinely file frivolous petitions with the Food and Drug Administration against potential generic competitors, often delaying their entry to the market for months. The bill would empower the FDA to ignore such petitions. □

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ONLINE****www.GroceriesToGoAruba.com****APNewsBreak: Police won't fight California use-of-force bill**

By DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— Two major law enforcement organizations have dropped their opposition to California legislation that strengthens standards for when officers can use deadly force, a shift that followed changes to the measure.

Spokesmen for organizations representing California police chiefs and rank-and-file officers told The Associated Press on Thursday that they won't fight the measure. It was prompted by public outrage over fatal police shootings, including the killing of unarmed vandalism suspect Stephon Clark in Sacramento last year.

The measure would bar police from using lethal force unless it is "necessary" to defend against an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to officers or bystanders.

That's a change from the current standard, which lets officers kill if they have "reasonable" fear they or others are in imminent danger. The threshold made it rare for officers to be charged following a shooting and rarer still for them to be convicted.

"With so many unnecessary deaths, I think everyone agrees that we need to change how deadly force is used in California," said Democratic Assemblywoman Shirley Weber of San Diego, who wrote the measure. "We can now move a policy forward that will save lives and change the culture of policing in California."

Law enforcement officials did not immediately explain their decision. But a revised version of the bill filed Thursday drops an explicit definition of "necessary" that was in the original. The deleted language said officers could open fire when there is "no reasonable alternative."

The amended measure also makes clear that officers are not required to retreat or back down in the face of a suspect's resistance and officers don't lose their right to self-defense if they use "objectively reasonable force."

Amendments also strip out a specific requirement that officers try to de-escalate confrontations before using deadly force but allow the courts to consider officers' actions leading up to fatal shootings, said Peter Bibring, police practices

director for the American Civil Liberties Union of California, which proposed the bill and negotiated the changes.

"By requiring that officers use force only when necessary and examining their conduct leading up to use of force, the courts can still consider whether officers needlessly escalated a situation or failed to use de-escalation tactics that could have avoided a shooting," he said.

Even with the changes, the ACLU considers the measure to have the strongest language of any in the U.S. Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and Democratic leaders in the Legislature backed the revised version, which is set for an Assembly vote next week. Newsom called it "an important bill, one that will help restore community trust in our criminal justice system."

Law enforcement opponents blocked passage of a similar measure introduced last year after police killed Clark, an unarmed black man, setting off intense protests. The Peace Officers Research Association of California, which represents rank-and-file officers, and the California Police Chiefs Association both



In this April 8, 2019 file photo, Malaki Seku Amen holds up an American flag with the names of people shot and killed by law enforcement officers, as he and others in rally in support of a bill that would restrict the use of deadly force by police, in Sacramento, Calif.

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removed their opposition and moved to neutral positions. The groups were the key law enforcement negotiators with Weber's office and the ACLU.

Law enforcement organizations are backing a related Senate measure that would set a national precedent by creating statewide guidelines on when officers

can use lethal force and requiring that every officer be trained in ways to avoid opening fire.

The proposed changes have spawned emotional testimony both from those who have lost loved ones in confrontations with police and from officers who have been involved in shootings on the job. □

Police: Mystery man pulling emergency brakes on subways

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City police have been searching for a person who has been intentionally pulling the emergency brakes on subway cars for no legitimate purpose.

Police on Thursday released images and video of a man they say rode on the outside of a car for

several stops before entering the car and pulling its emergency brake and fleeing.

It happened on a northbound 2 train at the 14th Street and Seventh Avenue station during the Tuesday evening rush hour.

Police say there have been about 40 similar incidents.

They began in February, continued in March and increased in frequency in April and May.

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Older Americans more likely to cite workplace discrimination

By **ANDREW SOERGEL**

For The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Are older

workers being discriminated against on the job? The answer appears to depend on the age of the person asked.

About half of Americans think there's age discrimination in the workplace, according to a poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

But there's a split by age. The poll finds 60% of adults age 60 and over say older workers in the U.S. are always or often discriminated against, while 43% of adults younger than 45 say the same.

"I just think they're not really aware of it," says Wendy Sachs, 48, an author and speaker. She often has discussed her own experiences with age discrimination applying for and working at New York City startup companies.

Federal law bars age discrimination in employment. Yet three-quarters of adults 60 and older — and 65% of those between ages 45 and 59 — say they believe their age puts them at a disadvantage when looking for work. One in 10 adults 60 and over and about 2 in 10 of those age 45 to 59 say they have been passed over for a raise, promotion or chance to get ahead specifically because of their age.

"They look at you kind of strange as you apply for a job. And I immediately know 'Oh, well, I'm not going to get hired,'" says Kevin Kusnitz. The 63-year-old New Yorker spent years being rejected from jobs for which he felt overqualified after an August 2012 layoff. Kusnitz now works a few days each week as a background actor in movies and



Kevin Kusnitz, a 63-year-old New Yorker who spent years being rejected from jobs for which he felt overqualified following an August 2012 layoff, poses for a photo on New York's East River, Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

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television shows through Central Casting New York, and he says his wife "makes a good salary" to help support them. But after his initial layoff at 56, he says he spent years unsuccessfully trying to land a job.

He believes his age was a primary reason his job search failed to gain traction. As he filled out one particular online application, he was asked to select his birth year from a drop down menu. He discovered the menu didn't go back far enough for him to enter an accurate date.

"I think it only went back to the 1970s. I thought 'Wow, I'm not even in the drop-down range. I really am old,'" he says.

By comparison, younger adults are more likely to think their age puts them

at an advantage. Nearly half of those under 30 and about one-third of those age 30 to 44 say they feel their age is a benefit.

Sachs applied for a handful of startup jobs in New York about five years ago. She says she was often competing against 20-somethings for positions and was at times made to feel like an outsider because of her age. She recounts one awkward exchange with a younger hiring manager who dismissed the physical resume she'd brought to her interview, instead insisting on a digital copy.

Sachs eventually landed a position but was let go shortly thereafter. She says she was led to believe her experience commanded too high a salary and that younger, less experienced

workers would fill her role for less pay.

Meanwhile, the survey shows 75% of women over 45 say their age puts them at a disadvantage when looking for work, compared with 65% of older men.

"For women, we see an early onset (cases of age discrimination), and the discrimination is much more severe," says Patrick Button, an assistant economics professor at Tulane University. "I think there is a lot of sexism in aging."

Button and his fellow researchers mocked up and distributed more than 40,000 fake job applications to online postings. They found that resumes designed to look like they belonged to an older applicant, particularly an older female applicant, were

less likely to get a call back.

"There's some evidence of age discrimination against men, but more so men at retirement age rather than men at age 50," Button says.

The federal Age Discrimination in Employment Act bars discrimination in the workplace on the basis of age. A recent decision by the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago said that only current employees can be protected by certain elements of the statute, effectively loosening the restrictions on employers screening older individuals out of their applicant pool. "Hiring discrimination — you almost never have any proof. If you think about how people look for jobs these days, it's almost all online," says Laurie McCann, a senior attorney at the AARP Foundation. "You send your resume off into a black hole. Maybe you receive a reply that thanks you for your application, but you have no idea why you were screened out or who got the job ahead of you. It's very hard to prove." Even as most older adults say older workers face discrimination at work, 21% of adults 60 and over do say they feel more respected at work because of their age. The survey also finds only about 1 in 10 of adults over 60 are worried about their ability to do their job. William Moore, a 77-year-old resident of Washington state, says he began working at an Enterprise Rent-a-Car outfit after retiring as a mechanic. "The only issue was, were you able to do the job. If you were doing it a little slower, OK, we do it slower," he says. "I think (age discrimination) might be an issue in some jobs, but I didn't see it in mine." □

EDITOR'S NOTE — Andrew Soergel is studying aging and workforce issues as part of a 10-month fellowship at The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research, which joins NORC's independent research and AP journalism. The fellowship is funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

The AP-NORC Center survey of 1,423 adults was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research with funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. It was conducted Feb. 14 to 18 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.7 percentage points. Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

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Runaway barges crash into Oklahoma dam and quickly sink

By KEN MILLER
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Two unmanned barges that broke loose on the swollen Arkansas River in Oklahoma crashed into a dam hours later and sank Thursday, and they didn't cause the structure to fail, which officials feared might happen.

The barges carrying about 3,800 pounds (1,725 kilograms) of phosphate fertilizer between them became unmoored Wednesday night in the Port of Muskogee, which sits at the confluence of the Arkansas and two other rivers and is about 40 miles (65 kilometers) southeast of Tulsa.

At some point, the vessels were caught and secured to trees along the soggy riverbank, but they broke free again Thursday when the trees uprooted, said Tricia Germany, a spokeswoman for the Muskogee County Emergency Management Agency.

The barges eventually crashed into the dam near the town of Webbers Falls shortly before noon and quickly sank.

"They did a direct hit, they kind of turned a little bit," Germany said of the crash. Webbers Falls officials on Wednesday ordered the town's roughly 600 residents to evacuate due to the threat of flooding from the swollen river, which was at 42 feet (12.8 meters) as of 11:45 a.m. Thursday, according to the National Weather Service. That is 14 feet (4.27 meters) above flood stage. Later Wednesday, they sounded the alarm about the runaway barges on the town's Facebook page, warning they could hit the lock and dam: "If the dam breaks, it will be catastrophic!! Leave now!!" The lock and dam didn't break, though the Army

Corps of Engineers was going to closely inspect them for damage, said Kenna Mitchell, a spokeswoman for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. Two downstream bridges, including an Interstate 40 bridge, remained closed after the crash until further notice.

"We don't know how long that's going to be. Safety is the priority for this," Mitchell said.

If the warning about the runaway barges seems alarmist, it shouldn't: During Memorial Day weekend in 2002, a manned barge struck one of the I-40 bridge's supports, causing part of the bridge to collapse and killing 14 people whose vehicles plunged into the river.

As for the fertilizer that was on the runaway barges, the amount that got into the river is significant but should dilute quickly because of the waterway's heavy flow, said Jay Wright, environmental programs manager for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Management.

"It's soluble in water. If it's exposed to the water, it's going to dissolve in the water," he said.

The crash happened during a period of powerful storms in the central United States, including a system that spawned deadly tornadoes overnight. The wet weather has caused heaving flooding, and the threat from swollen waterways persists.

On Wednesday, at least one unoccupied home fell into the Cimarron River near Crescent, Oklahoma, about 35 miles (55 kilometers) north of Oklahoma City, and erosion left several homes hanging over the swollen current.

One death has been attributed to the flooding in Okla-

homa. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said 53-year-old Laura Renee Moorman of Perkins drowned Tuesday after she drove around a road barrier and her vehicle was swept away by water near Perkins, about 45 miles (72 kilometers) northeast of Oklahoma City. □



Flood waters from the Cimarron River wash away a home in the Twin Lakes community near Cimarron City, Okla. on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

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UK's May delays Brexit bill, faces showdown on resignation

LONDON (AP) — Increasingly isolated, Prime Minister Theresa May backed down Thursday from plans to seek Parliament's support for a Brexit bill already rejected by much of her Conservative Party, as expectations rose that she would cave in to demands that she resign and let a new leader try to complete the U.K.'s stalled withdrawal from the European Union.

Conservative lawmakers have given May until Friday to announce a departure date or face a likely leadership challenge. Several British media outlets reported that she would agree to give up the prime minister's post June 10, sparking a Conservative leadership contest.

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, treasurer of the committee that oversees Conservative leadership races, said that if May did not agree to leave, there would be "overwhelming pressure" for a no-confidence vote in her.

If May does name an exit date, she will likely remain prime minister for several more weeks while Conservative lawmakers and members vote to choose a successor.

May's spokesman, James Slack, said she would still be in office when U.S. President Donald Trump comes to Britain for a June 3-5 state visit.

"She looks forward to welcoming the president," he



Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May and her husband Philip leave a polling station after voting in the European Elections in Sonning, England, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

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said.

Conservative lawmakers increasingly see May as an obstacle to Britain's EU exit, although her replacement will face the same dilemma: a Parliament deeply divided over whether to leave the EU, and how close a relationship to seek with the bloc after it does. Few doubt this is the endgame for May's term, which has been consumed by Britain's decision to leave the EU. Senior Conservatives, including former Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and several members of her Cabinet, are already jockeying for position in the

coming leadership race.

With her authority draining away by the hour, May on Thursday delayed plans to publish the EU withdrawal bill — her fourth and likely final attempt to secure Parliament's backing for her Brexit blueprint.

House of Commons leader Andrea Leadsom — another likely contender — helped seal May's fate when she resigned late Wednesday, saying she could not support May's withdrawal bill. The draft contains measures aimed at winning support from the opposition, including a promise to let Parliament

vote on whether to hold a new EU membership referendum.

That concession, which could ultimately lead to Brexit being halted, was the final straw for many Conservative lawmakers and ministers, who also balked at May's offer of a close customs relationship with the EU, which would limit Britain's trade autonomy. Leadsom said May's Brexit plan did not "deliver on the referendum result" that saw voters in 2016 opt to leave the EU.

"No one has wanted you to succeed more than I have, but I do now urge you to

make the right decisions in the interests of the country, this government and our party," Leadsom wrote in a resignation letter to May.

May moved quickly Thursday to replace Leadsom with former Treasury minister Mel Stride.

But she also delayed the bill, which May previously said would be published Friday and put to a vote during the week of June 3. On Thursday, the government only promised an "update" on the bill during that week.

The political turmoil weighed on the pound, which fell to \$1.2601 on Thursday, its lowest point against the dollar since early January.

May met Thursday with two of her most senior ministers, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Home Secretary Sajid Javid, who underscored Cabinet concerns about her bill.

Slack said May was "listening to colleagues' views" and still hoped to secure backing for her Brexit deal. But he said delivering Brexit had "proved more challenging even than she had imagined."

May became prime minister soon after the June 2016 EU membership referendum and has spent her entire tenure trying to deliver on that decision.

She seemed close to success when she struck a divorce agreement with the EU late last year. □

Hunger-striking Greek extremist wins new hope of jail leave



In this Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 file photo, Dimitris Koufodinas smiles as he leaves Korydallos prison in western Athens.

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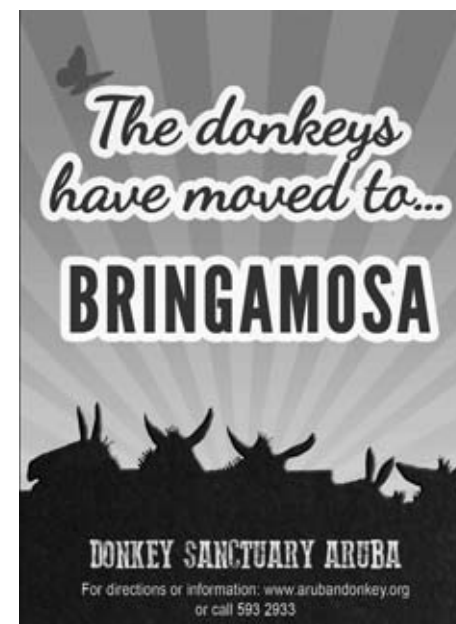
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ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A lawyer for a Greek far-left extremist jailed for 11 murders says Greece's supreme court has ordered lower judges to reconsider his request for a temporary leave from prison, which had earlier been rejected.

Dimitris Koufodinas is serving 11 life terms for his role as the main hit man for the November 17 group, which killed 23 people between 1975-2000.

The 61-year-old is in intensive care due to the effects of a hunger strike he launched May 2 to protest the rejection of his furlough bid — which has sparked a violent arson and vandalism campaign by far-left sympathizers.

Lawyer Ioanna Kourtovik said Thursday the supreme court agreed to have Koufodinas' demand re-examined by a panel of judges in the central town of Volos, where Koufodinas' prison is. □





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Strong showing for pro-EU parties in Dutch EU vote

By MIKE CORDER
GREGORY KATZ

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Pro-European Dutch parties were predicted Thursday to win most of the country's seats in the European Parliament, with right-wing populist opponents of the European Union managing to take only four of the nation's 26 seats.

In a surprise forecast, the Dutch Labor Party of European Commission Vice President Frans Timmermans became the country's biggest party in the 751-seat European Parliament, according to an Ipsos exit poll.

"What an unbelievable exit poll!" Labor leader Lodewijk Asscher told a gathering of cheering party faithful.

The poll was published by Dutch national broadcaster NOS after polling stations closed Thursday evening in Netherlands. Earlier in the day, Dutch and British voters kicked off the first of four days of voting for the European Parliament in all of the EU's 28 nations.

Official results will only be announced after the last polling station in the EU closes late Sunday.

The Dutch Labor party was forecast to win five seats, while the pro-European center right VVD of Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte gained one seat to win a total of four seats.

"There is a clear majority of people in the Netherlands, if you count them altogether, who want the European Union to continue playing a role in tackling problems that need to be solved,"



Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte casts his ballot for the European elections in The Hague, Netherlands, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Associated Press

Timmermans told NOS, speaking from Spain.

Timmermans is a broadly respected former Dutch foreign minister who is trying to become the next president of the European Commission.

The Dutch right-wing populist group Forum for Democracy was forecast by the Ipsos exit poll to win three seats in its first European elections, but those gains didn't primarily come at the expense of Europe's mainstream parties. Instead, it appeared they came from other populists. The anti-Islam Party for Freedom led by firebrand lawmaker Geert Wilders lost three of its four EU seats, according to the poll.

The splintered result echoes Dutch domestic politics: There are 13 parties in the 150-seat national parliament.

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The United Kingdom was the only other EU country to vote Thursday, even as the nation remained in political turmoil over its plans to leave the bloc altogether. No exit polls were expected Thursday night from the UK voting.

The elections come as support is surging for populists and nationalists who want to rein in the EU's powers and strictly limit immigration. Meanwhile, Europe's traditional political powerhouses, both conservative and left-wing, insist that unity is the best buffer against the shifting economic and security challenges posed by an emerging new world order.

But populists across several countries have united to challenge those centrist forces. On Saturday,

Italy's anti-migrant Interior Minister Matteo Salvini was joined at a rally by 10 other nationalist leaders, including far-right leaders Wilders, Marine Le Pen of France's National Rally party and Joerg Meuthen of the Alternative for Germany party. Wilders vowed to keep fighting the populist cause even after his party's projected big defeat.

"We had hoped for more seats," Wilders said in a statement. "But with one seat in the European Parliament we will, together with our European friends, fight even harder against the EU monster, Islam and mass-migration."

Voters across Europe are electing 751 lawmakers, although that number is set to drop to 705 when Britain eventually leaves the EU. The U.K. has 73 European

lawmakers, who would lose their jobs when their country completes its messy divorce from the EU. Some of its seats will be reassigned to other EU member states. The British vote may have a direct impact on the future of embattled Prime Minister Theresa May, whose Conservative Party appears to be losing support amid a prolonged Brexit impasse. May has tried but failed for months to get lawmakers in the British Parliament to back her plan to leave the EU.

Both the Conservatives and Labour in Britain were predicted to be heading for an electoral pasting in Thursday's vote, due to the chaos over Brexit. Results of the vote will be announced Sunday night, and a poor showing for the Conservatives would increase the calls for May to step down as party leader, which would set in motion a leadership contest.

Britain's Brexit party, led by Nigel Farage, has appeared to gain strength in recent voter surveys. Farage voted Thursday, then declared that he hopes to have the shortest possible tenure as a member of the European Parliament because he wants Britain to leave the EU as quickly as possible.

"If you want Brexit, you've got to vote Brexit," he said, warning lawmakers from Britain's two major parties — Conservatives and Labour — that they will be vanquished at Britain's next general election unless they respect voters' desire to leave the EU. □

Senior German diplomat in Tehran for nuclear deal talks

By DAVID RISING

BERLIN (AP) — A senior German diplomat headed Thursday to Tehran to press Iran to continue to respect the landmark nuclear deal, despite the unilateral withdrawal of the U.S. and increasing pressure from Washington.

Tensions have soared in the Mideast recently as the White House earlier this month sent an aircraft carrier and B-52 bombers to the region over a still-unexplained threat it perceived from Iran.

In Berlin, the Foreign Ministry said Political Director Jens Ploetner was to hold talks with Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi on Thursday to try salvage the nuclear deal signed in 2015 in Vienna. The accord has steadily unraveled since the Trump administration pulled America out of the deal, re-imposed and escalated U.S. sanctions on Tehran last year.

The German envoy's visit also follows Iran's declaration earlier this month that the remaining signatories to the deal — Germany,



In this Jan. 9, 2019, file photo, released by an official website of the office of the Iranian supreme leader, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei speaks at a meeting in Tehran, Iran.

Associated Press

France, Britain, China and Russia — have two months to develop a plan to shield Iran from American sanctions.

"The situation in the Persian Gulf and the region, and the situation surrounding the Vienna nuclear agreement, is extremely serious," the German Foreign Minis-

try said in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "There is a real risk of escalation — including due to misunderstandings or an incident. In this situation, dialogue is very important."

With Iran's 60-day deadline, the ministry said there is still a "window for diplomacy to persuade Iran to contin-

ue its full compliance" and said Germany remains in close contact with the other nations that have been struggling to keep the deal alive.

The accord, intended to keep Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, promised economic incentives in exchange for restrictions

on Tehran's nuclear activities. Despite efforts so far by the others to keep the deal from collapsing, Iran's economy has been struggling and its currency has plummeted after the re-imposition of U.S. sanctions. Iran continued abiding by the stipulations of the deal, according to a February report by the International Atomic Energy Agency, though it expressed increasing frustration with the inability of the Europeans to provide economic relief. A new IAEA report is due out soon.

Then on Monday, Iran announced it had quadrupled its production capacity of low-enriched uranium. Iranian officials made a point to stress that the uranium would be enriched only to the 3.67% limit set under the nuclear deal, making it usable for a power plant but far below what's needed for an atomic weapon.

But by increasing production, Iran will likely soon exceed the stockpile limitations set by the nuclear accord, which would escalate the situation further. □



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Northwest Syria fighting damages schools, health facilities



This photo provided Tuesday, May 21, 2019 by the Syrian Civil Defense group known as the White Helmets, shows smoke rising after Syrian government forces targeted the town of al-Habeet, in Idlib province, Syria.

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BEIRUT (AP) — Bombings by Syrian government forces damaged two schools and a health facility in the rebels' last stronghold in the northwest, activists said Thursday, after insurgents

successfully hit a power station in a government-held town.

Fighting has raged in the last 48 hours in the region, where insurgents launched a counteroffensive earlier this month, trying to regain

territory lost to government forces. The area is among the last controlled by anti-government rebels in Syria's eight-year civil war.

Activists and rescue workers said the government retaliated with an intense air bombing campaign. First responders said dozens of air raids and barrel bombs were dropped on villages and towns south of Idlib, killing at least eight civilians. Syrian insurgents had recaptured Kfar Nabudah from government forces on Wednesday, two weeks after troops entered it at the start of a ground offensive against the rebels' stronghold.

Naji al-Mustafa, a spokesman for the rebel fighters, said the government is carrying out a "revenge campaign for its defeat" in Kfar Nabudah. □



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Modi surges to victory in India on Hindu-first platform

By EMILY SCHMALL

NEW DELHI (AP) — Narendra Modi, India's charismatic but polarizing prime minister, was headed Thursday for a landslide election victory, propelling his Hindu nationalist party to back-to-back majorities in parliament for the first time in decades.

With most of the votes counted, Modi's stunning re-election mirrored a global trend of right-wing populists sweeping to victory, from the United States to Brazil to Italy, often on a platform promoting a tough stand on national security, protectionist trade policies and putting up barriers to immigration.

The victory in India was widely seen as a referendum on Modi's Hindu-first politics that some observers say have bred intolerance toward Muslims and other religious minorities, as well as his muscular stance on neighboring Pakistan, with whom India nearly went to war earlier this year.

"India wins yet again," Modi exulted in a tweet.

Election Commission data showed Modi's Bharatiya Janata winning 158 seats and in the lead for 145 more, which would catapult the party well beyond the simple majority in the 545-member lower house of Parliament required to govern. The results spelled another nail in the coffin of the main opposition Indian National Congress party, which picked up 31 seats and was leading in 21 other contests. Its president, and the scion of modern India's most powerful political dynasty, personally conceded his seat to BJP, signaling the end of an era. The final tally was not expected until Friday.

Addressing thousands of



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives a giant floral garland from party leaders at their headquarters in New Delhi, India, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

Associated Press

party workers celebrating the outcome, Modi urged the world to "recognize India's democratic power." He attributed the party's showing to his policies aimed at improving the lot of the nation's poor, including free medical insurance, relief for distressed farmers and a highly popular program to build 100 million toilets in a nation where basic sanitation remains a major problem.

The election victory was a resounding endorsement of the 68-year-old Modi, whose economic reforms have had mixed results but whose background as a social underdog from a lower-caste Hindu family clearly inspired some in India's highly stratified society, appealing to tens of millions of Indians seeking upward mobility. Critics have said his Hindu-first platform risks exacerbating social tensions in the country of 1.3 billion people.

Since Modi led the Bharatiya Janata Party to power in 2014, Hindu mobs have

lynched dozens of Muslims and lower-caste Dalits — people in India's strict social hierarchy once considered "untouchable" — for consuming or slaughtering cows, which Hindus consider sacred.

Modi has largely shown complacency toward rising incidents of violence and discrimination against minorities, and to rhetoric like that of his party's president, who called mainly Muslim Bangladeshi migrants to India "termites," or one of BJP's candidates for parliament, who described peace activist Mahatma Gandhi's assassin as a "patriot." Activists, lawyers, journalists and academics have been harassed and even prosecuted under anti-terrorism and anti-sedition laws that Human Rights Watch calls draconian.

But on the campaign trail, Modi seized on his personal narrative, presenting himself as a self-made man with the confidence to cut red tape and unleash India's economic potential,

and labeling Congress party president Rahul Gandhi as an out-of-touch member of the elite. This resonated in India, where an anti-corruption movement helped lead to the ouster of Congress partly for the perceived excesses of the Gandhi family, and for the bloated and inefficient bureaucracies Congress ran as the ruling party for nearly a half-century after independence.

Gandhi conceded defeat for his own parliamentary seat to his BJP rival in Amethi, a constituency in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh that had for decades been a Congress party bastion. But Indian election rules allow candidates to run in more than one constituency, and Gandhi was ahead in the race for another seat he contested in the southern state of Kerala.

Even before the election commission had released any official results, calls came in from around the world — U.S. President Don-

ald Trump, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu — rushing to congratulate Modi.

An estimated 600 million voters cast ballots in India's six-week polls, a testimony to the vibrancy of the world's largest democracy just 72 years since India won independence from British colonial rule.

Voters expressed confidence that Modi could jumpstart India's stalling economy, despite his poor first-term record and failure to deliver on his pledge to create jobs.

The BJP harnessed social media, including Twitter, where Modi has 47.4 million followers, and WhatsApp to reach out to millions of supporters.

Modi also capitalized on a suicide bombing in Kashmir in February that killed 40 Indian soldiers. India retaliated with airstrikes at alleged terrorist training camps in Pakistan, fanning the flames of nationalism and helping the BJP turn voters' attention away from the flailing economy and onto matters of national security. As votes were being counted across India, Pakistan's military said it successfully test-fired a long-range ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead. Tensions with Pakistan "gave him the narrative he needed to counter all these allegations of non-performance, unemployment and rural distress. It reenergized him and enabled him to reclaim his image as a strong leader India needs at this juncture," political commentator Arti Jerath said.

The BJP's performance "is absolutely stunning. Modi is the predominant leader in India today. □

Cuba tries to revive its once-great railway network

By CHRISTOPHER GILLETTE
HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's railway system is undergoing a major overhaul, with the government pushing a program to revamp the decrepit and aging network with new cars and locomotives in the hope of restoring a rail service that was once the envy of Latin America.

Cuba's Ministry of Transportation took possession on Monday of 80 new Chinese-made passenger cars, part of a promised consignment of 250 rail cars and locomotives the island will receive by year's end.

At the same time, the government is busy restoring and repairing rail lines throughout the island, some with rusting rails overgrown with weeds or buried under drifting dirt.

But the overhaul will be challenging, government officials acknowledge, even with the new Chinese-made rail stock. The remaining equipment, much of it dating from 1975, lies in disrepair on the sides of railyards as the system has seen the number of passengers plunge in recent decades. Some elec-



In this March 23, 2015 file photo, a woman who just got off the train uses the tracks to cross a bridge after arriving to her destination in the province of Holguin, Cuba.

Associated Press

tric trains that provide local links are completely out of service because of aging equipment.

And restoring 2,600 miles (4,200 kilometers) of track, communications lines and dozens of crumbling rail stations around the island will be a monumental task. Workers have been restoring Havana's main rail ter-

minal, an eclectic structure built in 1912, with four floors and a mezzanine, for over 10 years.

The station's platforms, which are nearly 1 kilometer (more than half a mile) long, recall a bygone age when train travel was a principle mode of transportation, and the restoration has been a painstaking,

and at times frustrating, process, government officials say.

Ricardo Cabrisas, vice president of the Council of Ministers, says the restoration is part of a broader effort to restore the island's rail system.

"It's an ambitious plan that matches our long-range goals," Cabrisas remarked

at the ceremony on the outskirts of Havana where the Chinese rail stock was offloaded from a cargo ship, adding the "effort is aimed at providing reliable transportation across the island."

According to the Cuban Transportation Ministry, trains carried 6.7 million passengers in 2018, a sharp drop from almost 11 million passengers in 2004. The government hopes to increase ridership by 1 million in 2019 on long distance routes. Train service to the far-eastern cities of Santiago, Holguin, Camaguey and Guantanamo are heavily used by locals.

The Havana-Santiago trip costs as little as 32 Cuban pesos each way, about \$1.50, making train travel an affordable means of transport for many Cubans. Cuba Railways General Director Eduardo Hernández says the new program is aimed at providing transportation to locals, but also hopes to lure tourists with the new Chinese rail cars and locomotives, which have two classes of service, including an air-conditioned first-class. □

Brazil sues tobacco companies to recover public health costs

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Tobacco giant Philip Morris said Thursday that Brazil's courts have consistently ruled that tobacco companies are not liable for smoking-related health damages after the country's attorney general filed a lawsuit seeking to recover costs to the public health system in treating such illnesses.

The suit filed Tuesday against Philip Morris International and British American Tobacco seeks to recuperate losses over the last five years for the treatment of 26 diseases with scientifically proven links to tobacco usage. It is the first of its kind in Latin America. In a statement, Philip Morris responded by saying: "It is worth noting that for the past 20 years, courts in Brazil have consistently found that tobacco manufactur-

ers are not liable for smoking-related damages given that the sale of cigarettes is a legal, heavily regulated activity and that the health risks of smoking have been well-known for decades."

It said it had not yet been notified of the lawsuit so could not comment on specific allegations.

A spokesperson from British American Tobacco said the company was aware of the lawsuit but had not yet been served legal proceedings so couldn't comment.

In the suit, the attorney general's office said Philip Morris International and British American Tobacco and their subsidiaries are responsible for 90% of Brazil's cigarette sales and manufacturing. Brazil's Health Ministry estimates that the country loses the equivalent of \$3.5 billion per year

due to medical expenses and lost productivity from nicotine addiction.

"Since the profit of this business is sent abroad, it's more than fair that these multinationals pay the burden they are leaving with Brazilian society," said David Bressler, a coordinator from a regional prosecutor's office.

The U.S.-based Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids called the case "historic" and said that the attorney general's office is "courageously standing up to multinational tobacco companies and seeking just compensation the Brazilian people deserve."

About 428 people die per day in Brazil because of nicotine dependency, and 90% of lung cancer cases in the country are related to smoking tobacco, according to the Health Ministry.



In this July 17, 2012 file photo, Marlboro cigarettes are displayed in Montpelier, Vt. Philip Morris International issued a response on Thursday, May 23, 2019, after Brazil's attorney general filed a lawsuit seeking to recover costs by the public health care system in treating smoking-related illnesses.

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Brazil is considered a regional leader in tobacco control.

Smoking is illegal in nearly all enclosed public places, advertisements and

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EAGLE BEACH – Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is honored to have been selected by the Minister of Tourism of the Cayman Islands as an example of business and sustainability success to mirror. Minister Moses Kirkconnell, Director of Tourism Rosa Harris and eight members of the Cayman Islands leadership committee traveled to Aruba to learn more about the island's tourism and sustainability success.

The delegation considers Aruba its top Caribbean destination competitor. They requested to visit Bucuti & Tara as the one island hotel to tour and learn more about best practices. The group shared that it was aware of the awards won by Bucuti & Tara and was eager to see how a top-line sustainability product operates.

On May 21st, Ewald Biemans, owner/CEO of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort and a noted environmentalist, welcomed the esteemed group with opened arms. Delighted in the opportunity to share knowledge and collaborate in being responsible stewards of the planet, Biemans and the Bucuti associates were humbled to show how a resort can achieve business and environmental success simultaneously.

"It was an honor to have Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort selected by Minister Moses Kirkconnell and the Cay-



man Islands Tourism officials as a resource to help other tourism organizations learn more and implement vitally needed sustainability initiatives," says Ewald Biemans, owner/CEO of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort.

"For the future of Caribbean tourism to survive, we must all work together

to share best practices in achieving the balance of sustainability and providing memorable vacations."

U.S. University Professors Visit for Climate Change Studies Bucuti & Tara also recently hosted a group of professors and students of Mercer University located in



Georgia in the U.S. Mr. Eimad Houry, professor of international relations is conducting research to better understand the impact of climate change on small islands with emphasis on those heavily reliant on tourism such as Aruba. Professor Houry requested to study at Bucuti & Tara upon learning about the resort's certification of carbon neutrality/net zero and wanting to learn how this was achieved.

He was joined by colleague Dr. Chinekwu Obidoa and ten students.

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Part of the allure of fresh seafood is the variation of dishes. Aqua Grill prepared a special Easter Menu for you offering three courses of delicacies. Your appetizer can be a Spicy Tuna Tartar, a West Indian Fish Cake or a Caribbean Seafood Chowder. For the entrée you have the amazing choice between Blackened salmon, West Indian Curried Shrimp or Slow-roasted Rack of Lamb. This sensational menu will be topped off with an Easter Swirl Cake. As an extra added value you may start with the Oyster Bar Selection, fresh surprises from Holland, Maine, New Brunswick or Massachusetts. Suggested wine that pairs the menu is Le Poussin Rose, Vin de France 2015 offering a blend of Grenache and Cinsault that balances freshness, fruitiness and ripeness.

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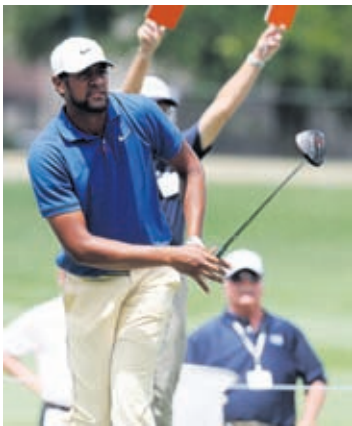


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Tony Finau watches his tee shot on the 18th hole during the first round of the Charles Schwab Challenge golf tournament at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

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Hometown star Spieth stays hot, 1 behind Finau at Colonial

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)

— If Jordan Spieth is going to end a victory drought that's approaching two years, the three-time major winner picked a good place to give himself a chance.

Spieth opened with a 5-under 65 at Colonial on Thursday in his second Texas homecoming in three weeks — coming off his best finish of the season at the PGA Championship — and trailed Tony Finau by one shot.

Roger Sloan joined Spieth in the tie for second. Back when he was collecting trophies regularly three years ago, Spieth won on the cozy course made famous by Ben Hogan, and that was between a pair of second-place finishes in Fort Worth. So when it comes to feeling good about his game, Spieth's in the right place, just a few miles from his hometown of Dallas.

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AVI-SAILING



Kiermaier, Garcia lead Rays to 8-1 win over Dodgers

Tampa Bay Rays' Avisail Garcia connects for a three-run home run off Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher Dylan Floro during the seventh inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Kevin Durant won't return in time for Game 1 of NBA Finals

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) —

Kevin Durant won't be ready to play in time for Game 1 of the NBA Finals on May 30.

The two-time reigning finals MVP has yet to return to on-court work while recovering from a strained right calf.

Big man DeMarcus Cousins might be healthy for Golden State's series opener against either Milwaukee or Toronto.

"Potentially," coach Steve Kerr said Thursday, "but it's up in the air."

The team re-evaluated both players Thursday and they are expected to be ready at some point during Golden State's fifth straight finals.

Durant is making progress in the training room and with moves he is able to handle in the weight room, Kerr said.

"We've known all along, it's how he responds. There's never been a point during this process where we've



In this Wednesday, May 8, 2019, file photo, Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant, left, walks away from referee Ken Mauer during the first half of Game 5 of the team's second-round NBA basketball playoff series against the Houston Rockets in Oakland, Calif.

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been able to say, 'he's going to play on such and such date,' and there still isn't, so we just keep going, keep moving forward," Kerr said. "... But again, he hasn't spent any time on the court with us, hasn't

gone through an individual shooting workout."

Cousins is working back from a torn left quadriceps muscle sustained in Game 2 of the first round against the Clippers. He practiced Thursday for the first time

since getting injured April 16 in just his second career playoff game.

"We'll see where my body takes me and we'll see what happens," Cousins said. "I feel good, a lot better than I was, I'm in a better place. I'm able to get up and down the court more. I'm able to play a little competition basketball."

Andre Iguodala, who missed the Game 4 clincher against the Blazers with a sore left calf, didn't practice Thursday but is expected to be at full strength to start the finals.

Golden State took two days off after completing a sweep of the Trail Blazers on Monday night in Portland. The Warriors will again take a day off Sunday and won't begin full game-planning until they have an opponent.

Durant was averaging 34.2 points this postseason when he got injured during the third quarter of Game 5 in the conference semifinals against the Houston Rock-

ets. He landed awkwardly on his right foot following a baseline jumper.

Kerr wouldn't commit to a role for Cousins when he returns, unlike when the center returned from a nearly yearlong absence Jan. 18 following surgery for a torn left Achilles tendon and started immediately.

It will depend on Cousins' health, "how he's moving," Kerr said, how the series is going and matchups.

For Cousins, just getting back on the court before the offseason and free agency would be a huge boost emotionally.

Raising a championship banner would also mean so much after such a difficult year of rehab. The Achilles injury and recovery was "one of my darkest moments," he said.

"It's been a wild year for me all season," Cousins said. "I'm happy to be in this moment. If I get the opportunity to play I'm going to take full advantage of it, leave it all on the floor." □



Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo (34) drives to the basket as Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard (2) defends during the first half of Game 4 of the NBA basketball playoffs Eastern Conference finals, Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in Toronto.

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By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) —

Giannis Antetokounmpo and James Harden got the most votes, and Damian Lillard and Kemba Walker were also big winners when the All-NBA teams were announced.

Those guards can cash in

with supermax contracts based on their selections to one of the three All-NBA teams that were announced Thursday.

LeBron James also was voted to the third team, tying the NBA record with his 15th All-NBA selection.

Rounding out the first team were Stephen Curry, Paul

Lillard, Kemba, LeBron among noteworthy All-NBA picks

George and Nikola Jokic, who was Denver's first All-NBA selection since Carmelo Anthony in 2010.

Antetokounmpo and Harden were unanimous selections, receiving all 100 votes from a panel of sports writers and broadcasters who had to choose two guards, two forwards for each of the three teams.

Walker was the final selection but all that matters is that he made it. By doing so, he became eligible to receive a five-year contract extension worth about \$221 million from the Hornets if he opts to stay in Charlotte, a reward the NBA put in recently as further incentive to keep players with their current teams. The Hornets could have offered him about \$30 million less if he wasn't selected and failed to earn the criteria for the largest possible contract.

Lillard, a second-team se-

lection, can get more than \$190 million over four years with a new contract in Portland.

Golden State's Klay Thompson, Washington's Bradley Beal and Minnesota's Karl-Anthony Towns were also in position to cash in with those lucrative extensions, but none was an All-NBA selection.

James has been a lock for most of his career, but was no sure thing after an injury-shortened first season in Los Angeles. His streak of 11 consecutive seasons as a first-team player, a record he shared with Karl Malone, came to an end. He did, however, make his 15th consecutive appearance on the All-NBA roster — joining Kobe Bryant as the only players to make that many teams in consecutive fashion. The 15th All-NBA nod also tied James with Bryant, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Tim Duncan for the most in

league history.

The second-longest active streak now belongs to Curry, who's been on each of the past six All-NBA teams. That means he wouldn't be able to catch Bryant and James' longevity mark until 2028.

Philadelphia center Joel Embiid led the second team that along with Lillard included Kevin Durant, Kawhi Leonard and Kyrie Irving. James and Walker headlined a third team that featured Russell Westbrook, Blake Griffin and Rudy Gobert. □



WNBA's new season ready to tip off its 23rd season

By DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's been a busy offseason for the WNBA with big names changing places, a new commissioner and a few injuries to some of the sport's greatest players.

The league will tip off its 23rd season on Friday with many teams hoping to win the championship this year. The defending champion Seattle Storm may be extremely hard-pressed to repeat. Reigning MVP Breanna Stewart suffered an Achilles injury in the winter while playing for a Russian club team. She'll be sidelined for the season.

The Storm took another hit this week when it was announced that veteran point guard Sue Bird was going to be sidelined indefinitely with a knee injury. Seattle is also missing coach Dan Hughes for an indeterminate amount of time as he battles cancer.

"The most important thing to us is that Sue is healthy and strong. Based on her feedback and evaluation from her longtime surgeon and our medical team, it was determined the best course of action was a scope," Storm CEO and general manager Alisha Valavanis said. "We have confidence this will support Sue's full recovery and we look forward to her return to the court."

With the Storm short-handed, Washington, Las Vegas and Los Angeles are the favorites to win the title. The Mystics lost to the Storm in the WNBA Finals last season. The Aces added 6-foot-8 Australian star Liz Cambage last week. The runner-up for the MVP in 2018 will give Las Vegas a dynamic duo in the front court, pairing her with last season's rookie of the year A'ja Wilson.

The Sparks added Chiney Ogwumike from the Connecticut Sun, pairing her with her sister Nneka. The sisters will have to carry the load a little more in the

early part of the season as Candace Parker is sidelined with a hamstring injury for a few weeks.

Here are a few other tidbits for the upcoming season.

MISSING IN ACTION: Stewart, Bird and Parker aren't the only players not playing for the early part of the season because of injury. Angel McCoughtry is still recovering from a knee injury she suffered last year. Diana Taurasi is out for at least a month while recovering from a back injury. It isn't just injuries that are sidelining some of the league's top players. Skylar Diggins-Smith gave birth to a baby boy this spring and hopes to return to the Dal-

las Wings lineup at some point this season. Maya Moore decided to take a year away from playing basketball to focus on her family and "some ministry dreams that have been stirring in my heart for many years."

NEW LADY IN CHARGE: The WNBA has a new leader as the league hired Cathy Engelbert as its commissioner last week. The previous four leaders of the WNBA had been known as president. "Commissioner, first of all, honored and humbled to have that title. And it comes with awesome responsibility ... just really humbled," Engelbert said.

Since 2015, Engelbert has



Seattle Storm's Sue Bird tosses a basketball as she waits to be photographed at the basketball team's media day Monday, May 13, 2019, in Seattle. The Storm is the defending WNBA champion.

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been CEO of Deloitte US, an accounting organization that works with Fortune 500 companies. She was the first woman to hold that job. Engelbert won't start till around the All-Star Break in late July.

MORE TV OPTIONS: The league struck a deal to

broadcast 40 of its games on the CBS Sports Network. That nearly doubles the amount of games on national television from last year. The TV channel will use local broadcast feeds for now, similar to what NBA TV does for WNBA games.

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Tampa Bay uses long ball to beat Dodgers 8-1

By The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Avisail Garcia and Kevin Kiermaier each hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning to power the Tampa Bay Rays past the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-1 on Wednesday night.

Kiermaier also made a rocket throw from center field to cut down Cody Bellinger at home plate, keeping the score tied 1-all in the sixth. Bellinger, who was aboard on a fielder's choice, failed to reach base safely for the first time in 46 starts this season. He went 0 for 4, dropping his major league-leading batting average to .394.

Tommy Pham hit his sixth homer for the Rays, and Brandon Lowe singled in the go-ahead run to spark a seven-run seventh. Emilio Pagan (1-0) got four outs in relief.

Garcia's eighth homer came off Dylan Floro, who entered with a 0.44 ERA — best among NL relievers. Floro (1-1) pitched to four batters and got none of them out.

Kiermaier capped the big inning with his fourth home run off left-hander Caleb Ferguson.

Max Muncy tied it with a homer in the sixth off Rays reliever Yonny Chirinos.

Tampa Bay opener Ryne Stanek pitched 1 2/3 innings, giving up a hit and a walk while striking out two.

ATHLETICS 7, INDIANS 2

CLEVELAND (AP) — Frankie Montas pitched six scoreless innings, Mark Canha homered and drove in three runs and Oakland extended its winning streak to six games with a win over Cleveland.

Nick Hundley had three hits, including a solo homer and two RBIs. Robbie Grossman also drove in a pair of runs as Oakland swept the three-game series and reached the .500 mark for the first time since April 26. The Athletics completed a 6-2 trip and have won 10 of their last 14.

Montas (6-2) struck out nine and gave up five hits, four of them over the first two innings, in lowering his ERA to 2.40.



Tampa Bay Rays catcher Travis d'Arnaud, right, shows the ball to home plate umpire Bill Miller after tagging out Los Angeles Dodgers' Cody Bellinger during the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Canha, filling in for injured designated hitter Khris Davis, hit his seventh home run and a double.

Jefry Rodriguez (1-4) allowed four earned runs in four innings. Cleveland trailed 7-0 in the eighth when Jake Bauers hit a two-run homer off Fernando Rodney.

YANKEES 7, ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE (AP) — Gleyber Torres hit two of New York's five home runs off Baltimore's beleaguered pitching staff, and survived a shaky outing from CC Sabathia.

Torres homered leading off the third and fifth innings to help New York take a 7-2 lead. Gary Sanchez hit his ninth homer against the Orioles this season, and DJ LeMahieu and Thairo Estrada also connected.

Baltimore has lost five in a row to sink to 15-34, the worst record in the majors. Sabathia (3-1) allowed five runs and six hits, including two home runs, in five innings.

Aroldis Chapman worked the ninth for his 13th save in 14 chances.

Richie Martin hit his first big league homer and Renato Núñez added a two-run

shot for Baltimore.

RANGERS 2, MARINERS 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Hunter Pence homered, Adrian Sampson had another impressive long outing for a victory after not starting, and Texas beat slumping Seattle to complete a three-game sweep. The Mariners have lost 27 of 37 games to fall to the bottom of the AL West standings since starting the season 13-2.

Seattle lefty Marco Gonzalez (5-4) limited the Rangers to one earned run over seven innings, but dropped to 0-4 with a 4.56 ERA in five starts in May. He was 5-0 after his first seven starts this season.

Sampson (2-3) went 5 1/3 innings and gave up one earned run after the Rangers used a reliever to start the game. Jesse Chavez got the first five outs against the Mariners.

Shawn Kelley worked the ninth for his fourth save in five chances.

MARLINS 6, TIGERS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Garrett Cooper hit his first major league home run in the sixth inning, leading a comeback as Miami won its fifth straight by beating

Detroit.

The Tigers led 3-0 before Cooper's solo shot. The Marlins then scored three runs in the seventh, and Brian Anderson added a two-run homer in the eighth.

Detroit has dropped eight in a row — and Sunday's game was suspended with the Tigers trailing Oakland in the seventh inning.

Detroit starter Daniel Norris was solid before giving way to Buck Farmer (2-3).

José Ureña (2-6) allowed two earned runs in six innings for the Marlins. Sergio Romo pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save in nine chances.

Detroit scored a run in each of the first three innings. Niko Goodrum hit an RBI single, Gordon Beckham drove in a run with a groundout, and Christin Stewart added a run-scoring double.

RED SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 5, 13 INNINGS

TORONTO (AP) — Rafael Devers homered in his third straight game, Michael Chavis hit a tiebreaking homer in the 13th inning and Boston beat Toronto. Devers led off the eighth with a blast to left, becoming the sixth player in Red Sox history aged 22 or

younger to homer in three straight games. The others are Ted Williams, Babe Ruth, Carl Yastrzemski, Rico Petrocelli, and Jim Tabor.

Marcus Walden couldn't hold a 4-3 lead for Boston in the ninth. Brandon Drury hit a one-out double and pinch-hitter Danny Jansen sent the game to extra innings with a two-out single. Mookie Betts put Boston back on top by connecting off Joe Biagini in the 12th, his eighth, but Rowdy Tellez tied it again with a two-out drive off Heath Hembree in the bottom half.

Chavis restored Boston's lead with a homer off Jimmy Cordero (0-1), making Hembree (1-0) the winner.

Mitch Moreland had two RBIs and Jackie Bradley Jr. scored twice for the Red Sox, who have won three of four.

Toronto rookie Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his first home run at Rogers Centre, but that was all the Blue Jays got against Red Sox right-hander Rick Porcello, who allowed three hits in six innings.

WHITE SOX 9, ASTROS 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Eloy Jiménez homered twice and Chicago turned the first triple play in the majors this season in a win over Houston.

Charlie Tilson's first career homer was a grand slam in Chicago's six-run sixth inning.

The White Sox got going early with Jiménez connecting in the second and Jose Abreu adding a solo shot in the fourth.

The Astros got a homer from Alex Bregman in a three-run fourth to go on top before Chicago's six-run sixth inning.

Gerrit Cole (4-5) yielded seven hits and six runs while striking out seven in five-plus innings.

White Sox starter Ivan Nova (3-4) allowed 10 hits but just three runs in seven-plus innings.

Bregman's homer extended Houston's streak of games with at least one to 19, which ties the longest run in franchise history. The Astros also homered in 19 straight games in 2017. □

Ozuna, Carpenter homer, Cards split DH with Royals 10-3

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marcell Ozuna and Matt Carpenter went deep as part of a four-homer barrage and St. Louis split a doubleheader with Kansas City.

Brad Keller threw seven-plus innings of two-hit ball to snap a six-start winless streak and Jorge Soler hit a three-run homer as Royals won the opener.

Dexter Fowler and Kolten Wong also homered as St. Louis had as many home runs in the second game as it did hits in the opener.

Adam Wainwright (4-4) battled through control issues with 55 of his 103 pitches going for strikes. In five innings, he allowed three runs, six hits, walked four and struck out two.

John Gant, Andrew Miller, Carlos Martínez and John Brebbia combined for four scoreless innings of relief.

Homer Bailey (4-5) threw 66 pitches, but lasted just 1 2/3 innings and gave up five runs.

In the opener, Keller (3-5) snapped a six-start winless streak.

Soler's drive into the left field seats off Michael Wacha (3-2) capped a six-run third and made it 7-0.

Whit Merrifield had two hits, drove in a run and scored once. Nicky Lopez reached three times and scored twice and Hunter Dozier hit a pair of sacrifice flies.

CUBS 8, PHILLIES 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Cole Hamels struggled in his first start against his original team, Albert Almora Jr. hit his first career grand-slam and Chicago rallied from an early three-run deficit with three homers in beating Philadelphia.

Almora broke a 3-all tie by launching Cole Irvin's changeup into the shrubs in the center-field batter's eye.

Anthony Rizzo hit his 12th homer, a mammoth shot in the third that struck the neon beer sign atop the right field scoreboard, tying the game at 3-all. Hamels

escaped with a no-decision despite allowing three runs on nine hits and two walks through four innings. Javier Báez added a solo shot in the seventh.

Tyler Chatwood (3-0) earned the win with four innings of one-run, three-hit relief.

Andrew McCutchen had three hits, including a solo homer. Jean Segura extended his hitting streak to 13 games as the Phillies dropped their second straight.

Irvin (2-1) was roughed up for seven runs on seven hits.

BREWERS 11, REDS 9

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Yasmani Grandal homered during a big rally and started a bizarre double play on a pitch that got past him and bounced to the backstop, helping Milwaukee outlast Cincinnati.

Grandal hit a two-run homer as the Brewers scored five times in the sixth for an 11-8 lead.

The pitching matchup between the Brewers' Zach Davies and Luis Castillo turned out to be the shortest outing of the season for both. Davies gave up six runs in three innings and Castillo allowed four in 2.

Josh Hader finished it, earning his 12th save in 12 chances.

Tyler Barnhart's fourth homer capped a five-run second that put the Reds up, 5-0. Dietrich hit his 12th in the third for a 6-1 lead.

The Brewers made it 6-all in the fourth on a two-run single by Eric Thames. Keston Hiura and Mike Moustakas also homered for Milwaukee.

Milwaukee reliever Junior Guerra (2-0) earned the win. Wandy Peralta (0-1) took the loss.

BRAVES 9, GIANTS 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Dansby Swanson and Freddie Freeman hit back-to-back homers in the second inning and Atlanta scored six unearned runs in the inning after San Francisco



St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Wieters reacts after striking out during the seventh inning in the first game of a baseball doubleheader against the Kansas City Royals Wednesday, May 22, 2019, in St. Louis. Associated Press

botched a double play. Austin Riley also homered for the Braves. Max Fried allowed two runs in six innings for his third straight win and NL-leading seventh overall. Fried (7-2) also collected his first career RBI with a bases-loaded fielder's choice as part of Atlanta's big inning. The two home runs came after Giants starter Jeff Samardzija (2-3) extended the inning with a pair of tosses that went awry. Samardzija had seven strikeouts and gave up four hits and two walks in six innings. Buster Posey had an RBI single for San Francisco but was thrown out trying to reach second. Tyler Austin homered for the Giants.

PADRES 5, DIAMONDBACKS 2

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Left-hander Eric Lauer pitched seven strong innings for his first win in seven starts and Greg Garcia had three hits, scored twice and drove in a run as San Diego beat Arizona to complete a three-game sweep.

Lauer (3-4) held the Diamondbacks to one run and four hits, struck out seven and walked none to win for the first time since April 8 at San Francisco. Kirby Yates

got the final three outs for his major league-leading 20th save.

The Padres roughed up rookie Merrill Kelly (4-5) for four runs and five hits in 1 2/3 innings. He walked four and struck out none.

METS 6, NATIONALS 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Juan Lagares hit a go-ahead, three-run double off Washington closer Sean Doolittle, Rajai Davis capped the six-run eighth inning with a three-run homer in his first at-bat for the Mets and New York rallied for the victory. Max Scherzer stranded seven runners in six shutout innings, and Adam Eaton homered on Jacob deGrom's fourth pitch in a matchup of Cy Young Award winners.

Adeiny Hechavarria doubled with one out in the eighth off Kyle Barraclough (0-1).

Mets star Robinson Canó was sent for an MRI after straining his left quad running to first base when he grounded out in the third following J.D. Davis' two-out double.

Drew Gagnon (3-0) pitched a perfect eighth for the Mets. Tyler Bashlor finished the three-hitter.

New York (23-26) won its third straight and stretched its home winning streak to six.

ROCKIES 9, PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Josh Bell reached the Allegheny River on the fly for the second time in two weeks, the only notable blemish for Colorado in its win over Pittsburgh.

Daniel Murphy hit a three-run homer to put Colorado ahead 3-0 in the first inning. Bell then sent a changeup from Jon Gray 454 feet over the Clemente Wall in right field, making it 3-1 in the second. It was the fifth home run to splash into the river on the fly since PNC Park opened in 2001.

The only sustained pressure against Gray (4-4) ended after Kevin Newman cut it to 3-2 with a double later in the second. Gray went seven innings, giving up three runs and seven hits with seven strikeouts.

Montana DuRapau (0-1), the Pirates' opener, allowed Murphy's homer and lasted two outs.

Tony Wolters broke the game open with Colorado's second three-run homer with two outs in the third. □



Jordan Spieth and his caddie Mike Greller look over a putt on the ninth green during the first round of the Charles Schwab Challenge golf tournament at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

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But the former Texas Longhorn didn't necessarily have to be here, a week after tying for third at the PGA for his first top 20 this season.

"I didn't put it above or below any other week," said Spieth, whose last victory was the 2017 British Open. "I know my game has been progressing. I've been saying that for the last month or six weeks or so. Results just end up coming when I actually start playing better golf. Simply put, that's just what I've been doing."

Defending champion Justin Rose, the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3, shot 74 with four bogeys on the back nine.

The other four players from the top 10 in the field also were over par: No. 7 Francesco Molinari (1-over 71), eighth-ranked Bryson DeChambeau (72), No. 9 Xander Schauffele (76) and 10th-ranked Rickie Fowler (74).

J.J. Henry, who played in college for Colonial neighbor TCU, and two-time Colonial runner-up Jason Dufner were among nine at 67. Ryan Palmer had the only bogey-free round on his home course, finishing at 68 with seven others.

Spieth kick-started his round by chipping in for birdie on the par-3 13th, his fourth hole of the round. He ended up with seven birdies in a span of 10 holes, the other highlight a 46-foot putt on No. 4.

A double bogey at 18, with a second shot into the water left of the green, finished Spieth's front nine and was the only thing between him and the lead as he tries to keep climbing in the world rankings. Spieth jumped nine spots to 30th after the PGA.

"I think the course fits me well," said Spieth, who tied for 29th in his hometown tournament, the Byron Nelson, two weeks ago. "It seems to have fit me well whether I've had form coming in or not. I know which spots to play to. I don't try and do too much."

Finau, who hasn't finished higher than 60th in three tournaments since tying for fifth at the Masters, had five birdies over seven holes before closing with five straight pars. His best Colonial finish was a tie for 19th in his debut four years ago. After changing his putting grip following a closing 79 at the PGA, Finau had four birdie putts from 19 feet or longer while hitting just three of 14 fairways. He

avoided a second bogey with a chip-in on the par-3 16th.

"I didn't know I only hit three fairways," said Finau, the last of the nine top 20 players in the field at No. 16. "I still felt like I could hit most of the greens from wherever position I was."

Sloan, a Canadian living in Houston who hadn't been to Colonial before this week, had a steady round with three birdies on each side. He said his swing coach thought the cozy layout would fit the 32-year-old's game. He hasn't played on Sunday in five straight tournaments, missing the initial cut in the first four.

"That's the tendency every year for me, get off to a good start, go into a little bit of a lull," said Sloan, whose only victory was on the Canadian tour in 2011. "So I'm pleased that I was able to turn things around heading into the last little kick of the regular season." Kevin Kisner, playing with Spieth two years after edging him by a stroke to win Colonial, shot 72.

Of the 12 players atop the leaderboard, 11 played in the morning. Conditions toughened later with temperatures reaching 90 in steady 20 mph winds. □



Italy's Cesare Benedetti pedals to win the 12th stage of the Giro d'Italia, tour of Italy cycling race, from Cuneo to Pinerolo, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

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Benedetti wins 12th stage; Polanc takes Giro lead

PINEROLO, Italy (AP) — Cesare Benedetti won the 12th stage of the Giro d'Italia on Thursday for his first victory as a professional while Jan Polanc took the overall leader's pink jersey from UAE Emirates teammate Valerio Conti. Benedetti, an Italian with the Bora team who has been a support rider for his entire career, was part of an early breakaway then accelerated from a select group of riders in a sprint finish.

"I've worked a lot for the others in the past but today I got my opportunity," Benedetti said. "I'm not (usually) a winner." Benedetti required 3 hours, 41 minutes to complete the 158-kilometer (98-mile) leg from Cuneo to Pinerolo, which featured one major climb and another shorter but steeper ascent just before the finish.

Damiano Caruso crossed second and Eddie Dunbar came third, each with the same time as Benedetti. Polanc, a Slovenian who was also in the breakaway, finished 25 seconds behind.

In the overall standings, Polanc leads Primož Roglič by 4 minutes, 7 seconds. Vincenzo Nibali, one of the pre-race favorites, is fifth overall, 5:51 behind.

"It was a team tactic that I would go in the breakaway so we could have a better control over the race," Polanc said. "It was also a way to keep the pink jersey in the team."

Mikel Landa and Miguel Angel Lopez attacked on the first-category climb to Montoso and gained about 30 seconds on the other overall favorites.

Before the stage began, sprinters Caleb Ewan and Elia Viviani withdrew from the race. Ewan won two stages, including the 11th leg a day earlier, while Viviani posted three second-place finishes.

Stage 13 on Friday is one of the race's toughest, with two category one climbs and one category ascent, along with an uphill finish at the end of the 196-kilometer leg from Pinerolo to Ceresole Reale.

The Giro ends June 2 in Verona. □



Faces of concussions: NHL's head-on battle with an epidemic

By STEPHEN WHYNO

AP Hockey Writer

HOMER GLEN, III. (AP) —

Wearing a black shirt with "Fight for your happiness" on the front and "Sick not weak" on the back, Daniel Carcillo eats an apple as his wife makes a cappuccino nearby and their oldest daughter scampers around the kitchen.

This is the family he always wanted, just not the life he expected.

Carcillo is hurting inside and out after seven documented concussions in the National Hockey League and what he believes could be literally hundreds of traumatic brain injuries. Once his wife Ela, son Austin, daughters Laila and Scarlett and dog Bubba left the house, Carcillo explained where his head is at. It has been nearly a year since his last round of neurological treatment and right now the bad days outnumber the good. Darkness has returned.

This is a bad day.

"I'm going to choose when I'm going to go," Carcillo said. "I'll make that decision of how much pain I'm going to put my loved ones through that are around me."

He is just 34, hung up his skates in 2015 and wants to be known as Daniel Carcillo who used to play hockey, not Daniel Carcillo the hockey player. He spends his days now trying to manage the damage the sport did to him while also crusading against the concussions crisis that has hit the NHL over the past decade-plus. The league has taken steps to address the topic, but it has not faded from view by any means as the Stanley Cup Final opens Monday.

The league last fall settled a lawsuit for \$18.9 million with more than 300 retired players after winning a key victory against class-action status. It included \$22,000 for each player and provisions for testing but no acknowledgement of liability for the players' claims the NHL failed to protect them from head injuries or warn them of the risks involved

with playing. Commissioner Gary Bettman has consistently denied there is a conclusive link between repeated blows to the head and the degenerative brain disease chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

Carcillo calls the concussions issue an epidemic, though the alumni association and attorneys involved in lawsuits against the league cannot provide a real estimate of just how many former players might be suffering the same problems as Carcillo — the kind of problems loved ones of players like Todd Ewen and Wade Belak noticed before their suicides.

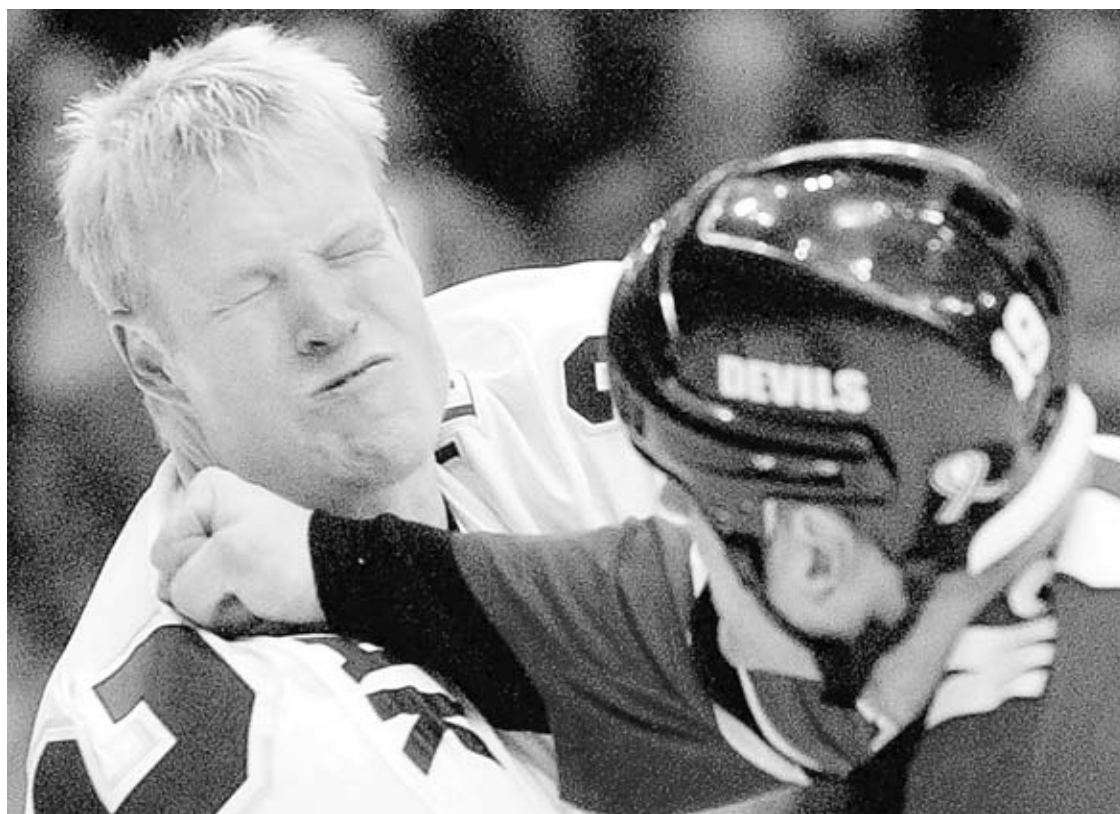
Carcillo doesn't remember any of his first five concussions but can't seem to escape the anxiety, depression, lack of impulse control and suicidal thoughts that creep in. He feels better in the immediate aftermath of functional neurology therapy but that only helps Carcillo get back to his "new normal." It also costs \$10,000 each time.

"My greatest fear moving forward is that I will contract some sort of neurodegenerative disease like early-onset dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, CTE," Carcillo said. "And then my wife and my two daughters and my son will have to watch me deteriorate and die."

Carcillo spends his days now speaking out about the dangers of brain injuries in hockey and other sports. He frequently takes to social media, hoping to use the platform for the greater good.

But time is running out for the journeyman forward who played most recently for the Chicago Blackhawks. Carcillo doesn't have a full-time job and estimates he has two years until he goes bankrupt. He considers selling his two Stanley Cup rings to pay for treatment and support his family.

Carcillo wants his day in court with the NHL, to chart a path for the rest of his life and to save others. It is also a battle just to save himself after those 429 NHL games



FILE - In this Nov. 10, 2001, file photo, Toronto Maple Leafs' Wade Belak, left, fights with New Jersey Devils' Jim McKenzie during first period NHL action in Toronto. Steve Montador, Todd Ewen, Wade Belak, Rick Rypien, Bob Probert, Jeff Parker and Derek Boogaard are dead. Many of them were enforcers tasked with delivering and taking punches for teammates and all took many blows to the head.

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over nine seasons.

"I keep up with my treatment," Carcillo said. "I describe it as when you're losing your quality of life. Good days and bad days are normal, all good days aren't normal and all bad days aren't normal but you just have to weigh it. I've

Eric Lindros is fine most days. The jarring Scott Stevens shoulder-to-head hit on Lindros in Game 7 of the 2000 Eastern Conference final that was applauded and legal at the time is cringeworthy now. It came two years after Lindros took another devastating hit from

ey Hall of Fame. Now a 46-year-old husband and father, he isn't sure what the benchmark should be for how he should be feeling. He his own baseline.

"I'd like to think I'm pretty normal," Lindros said. "I think so. We all have our moments." Lindros could easily be the poster boy for concussions in the NHL given his experience as a star whose career was cut short. He was aware of the lawsuit but didn't join. Lindros doesn't want the threat of concussions to deter kids — even his own — from playing hockey. Still, he ponders an uncertain future.

"You'd be a fool not to," he said.

Carcillo can't change the punch to the head that gave him his seventh concussion but wants to document every step of his journey so that if he can't save himself, maybe he can save others.

"It's been pretty, pretty miserable: a lot of searching, a lot of treatment and a lot of money spent, a lot of friends lost," he said. "I need to get it figured out, or else I don't think I'll be here that long. If I continue to feel this way, it doesn't bode well for my future." □



In this Tuesday, April 2, 2019, photo, former NHL player Dan Carcillo rubs his forehead during an interview with The Associated Press at his rural home in Homer Glen, Ill. In this Tuesday, April 2, 2019, photo, former NHL player Dan Carcillo rubs his forehead during an interview with The Associated Press at his rural home in Homer Glen, Ill.

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been in really, really bad places, like on the edge of killing myself. I just kind of weigh it against that — not waiting until I get to that place."

Darius Kasparaitis. Lindros was concussed at least five times during a dominant but injury-shortened career that landed him a spot in the Hock-

Facebook: Fake account removal doubles in 6 months to 3B

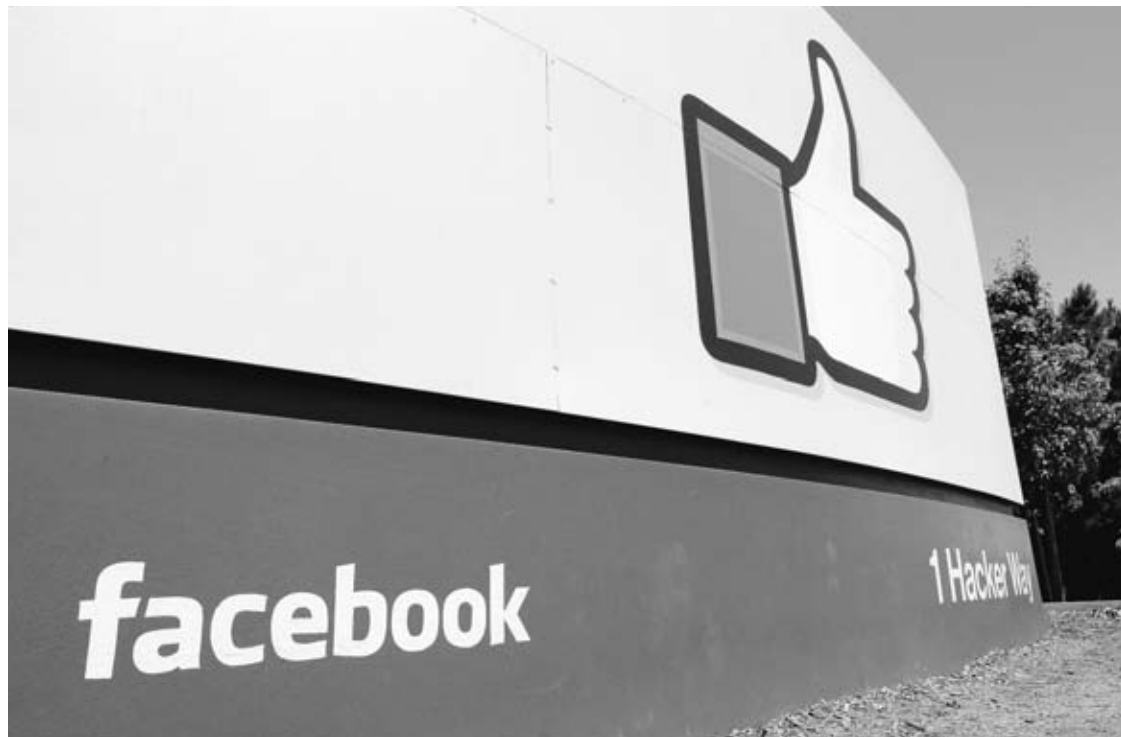
By **BARBARA ORTUTAY**
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Facebook removed more than 3 billion fake accounts from October to March, twice as many as the previous six months, the company said Thursday. Nearly all of them were caught before they had a chance to become "active" users of the social network.

In a new report, Facebook said it saw a "steep increase" in the creation of abusive, fake accounts. While most of these fake accounts were blocked "within minutes" of their creation, the company said this increase of "automated attacks" by bad actors meant not only that it caught more of the fake accounts, but that more of them slipped through the cracks.

As a result, the company estimates that 5% of its 2.4 billion monthly active users are fake accounts, or about 119 million. This is up from an estimated 3% to 4% in the previous six-month report.

The increase shows the challenges Facebook faces in removing accounts created by computers to spread spam, fake news and other objectionable material. Even as Facebook's detection tools get



This July 16, 2013 file photo shows a sign at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif. This July 16, 2013 file photo shows a sign at Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif.

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better, so do the efforts by the creators of these fake accounts. The new numbers come as the company grapples with challenge after challenge, ranging from fake news to Facebook's role in elections interference, hate speech and incitement to violence in the U.S., Myanmar, India and elsewhere.

Facebook also said Thursday that it removed more than 7 million posts, photos and other material because it violated its rules against hate speech.

Facebook employs thousands of people to review posts, photos, comments and videos for violations. Some things are also detected without humans, using artificial intelligence. Both humans and AI make mistakes and Facebook has been accused of political bias as well as ham-fisted removals of posts discussing — rather than promoting — racism.

A thorny issue for Facebook is its lack of procedures for authenticating the identities of those setting up ac-

counts. Only in instances where a user has been booted off the service and won an appeal to be reinstated does it ask to see ID documents.

While some have argued for stricter authentication on social media services, the issue is thorny. People including U.N. free expression rapporteur David Kaye say it's important to allow pseudonymous speech online for human rights activists and others whose lives could otherwise be endangered.

Dipayan Ghosh, a former Facebook employee and White House tech policy adviser who is currently a Harvard fellow, said absent greater transparency from Facebook there is no way of knowing whether its improved automated detection is doing a better job of containing the disinformation problem.

"We lack public transparency into the scale of disinformation operations on Facebook in the first place," he said.

And even if just 5 million accounts escaped through the cracks, Ghosh added, how much hate speech and disinformation are they spreading through bots "that subvert the democratic process by injecting chaos into our political discourse?" "The only way to address this problem in the long term is for government to intervene and compel transparency into these platform operations and privacy for the end consumer," he said.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has called for government regulation to decide what should be considered harmful content and on other issues. But at least in the U.S., government regulation of speech could run into First Amendment hurdles. □

Las Vegas tourism board backs \$49M Elon Musk transit system

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A company backed by tech billionaire Elon Musk has been awarded a nearly \$49 million contract to build a transit system using self-driving vehicles underneath the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The board of directors of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority approved the contract Wednesday with The Boring Company, the Musk-backed enterprise based in Hawthorne, California. People would be transported underground on self-driving electric vehicles from three types of Tesla Model X chassis. The system will be capable of trans-



In this Dec. 18, 2018 file photo Elon Musk, co-founder and chief executive officer of Tesla Inc., speaks during an unveiling event for the Boring Co. Hawthorne test tunnel in Hawthorne, Calif.

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porting up to 16 people at time through parallel tunnels, each running in a single direction. The twin tun-

nel system will run less than a mile (1.6 kilometer) long. The system also will include a pedestrian tunnel and

three underground stations accessible from convention center's halls.

The company plans to immediately pursue permits to start construction in September. It aims to debut the system by December 2020.

"The first thing that's important is to get it right," Authority President and CEO Steve Hill told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "We want to do it as quickly as possible, but we want our customers to be comfortable with it."

Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman cast the only vote against the project. At a meeting last week, she cited concerns about hir-

ing a company that has yet to deliver a transit system.

The authority will reimburse the company as it completes certain stages of the project, like completing excavation for the first station and digging the first 100 feet (30.5 meters) of the first tunnel. Full payment is contingent on the company demonstrating that the system can support an average of 4,400 passengers per hour. Construction will be able to proceed without disruption to traffic or other surface activity, Hill said. The system also could be expanded, which could be part of the solution to the city's transportation problems, he said. □

Small business cultures need to evolve along with work force

By JOYCE M. ROSENBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Meloney Perry once worked at a traditional big law firm with a formal, corporate atmosphere, and knew she wanted a different culture at her own firm.

"I learned the 'old school' way, but it's changed," says Perry, founder of Perry Law in Dallas. "Nowadays, with the employees coming in younger, you do have to have more of a family feel." That means allowing more casual attire when clients aren't around, and giving staffers laptops so they don't have to work long hours at their desks.

"They want to be home. They want to be watching the playoffs while they work," Perry says.

Small businesses' cultures are becoming a bigger priority as more owners respond to the dramatically different expectations of a younger work force and a low unemployment rate and shrinking labor pool that make it harder to find staffers. In a survey released last fall by Bank of America, a quarter of the 1,067 owners surveyed said they were shifting to more flexible cultures in hopes of attracting the workers they want. Companies are creating environments that recognize staffers' need for growth in their careers, more balance between



In this Tuesday, May 14, 2019, photo, business owner Meloney Perry, left front, poses for a photo with members of her staff, Karla Roush, from left rear, Lisa Amerson, Michelle Smith, Lauren Pickett, Samantha Doherty, Stacy Thompson and Brooke Bailey, right front, at her law firm in Dallas.

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their work and personal lives and open communication. And to have a role in the company's direction — employees don't want to just do their work and keep quiet.

"They want to feel appreciated and be included in the firm decisions," Perry says.

They also need an atmosphere that's less rigid than old-style corporate environments. Owners have come to recognize that reading personal email, texting friends and doing online searches for personal mat-

ters are a part of life, and not just for younger people. Baby boomer staffers are just as likely to be checking their phones periodically during the day as their younger colleagues are.

Guy Fardone recognizes that younger employees, those known as millennials, are in some regards more openly ambitious than baby boomers or Generation Xers, people who are now in their 40s and 50s. They want to know what their next move is.

"Many millennials thrive on continuous growth op-

portunities, which could take many forms: learning a new technology, getting a technical certification or getting the nod to lead a project or opportunities to advance, says Fardone, CEO of Evolve IP, an information technology company based in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Owners who want a good culture will need to be aware of their interactions with staffers — what they do can have a greater impact than what they say.

"Your values really emerge from how you behave,"

says Tony Fross, who advises clients on workplace practices for the consulting firm Prophet.

For example, micromanagers need to understand they'll get more out of their staffers by giving them autonomy, Fross says.

"People live down to your expectations rather than up to them" when they're over-controlled, Fross says. "You need to give people incentives and make it easy from a decision-making perspective to do the things you want them to do."

Culture isn't something many entrepreneurs think of when launching their companies, but many realize as they begin hiring that it needs to be a priority.

"You think so much about the bottom line and being able to expand and hire that you don't always consider other factors," says David Wurst, who says he had no idea about how to develop a company culture when he launched WebCitz, a website development company based in Appleton, Wisconsin. □

Deutsche Bank ready for 'tough cuts' as share price sags

By DAVID McHUGH
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — The CEO of Deutsche Bank says he is ready to make "tough cuts" to improve the struggling bank's profitability and raise a "disappointing" share price as negative headlines continue to plague Germany's biggest bank.

Christian Sewing made the remarks Thursday in front of restive shareholders at the bank's annual meeting in Frankfurt, Germany.

He touted the bank's full-year profit from 2018 — the first since 2014 — and achievement of its cost-

cutting goals. The bank has cut staff to 91,700 employees, from 99,700 in 2016.

But the meeting takes place amid a heavy flow of bad news for the bank. Shares traded at record lows Thursday, U.S. congressional committees have subpoenaed the bank records of President Donald Trump, and on Wednesday the firm admitted it had used faulty software to screen customer transaction for money laundering. The bank has struggled for years with high costs, low profitability and heavy fines and settlements for regulatory and legal breaches. □



CEO of Deutsche Bank Christian Sewing speaks during the annual shareholders meeting in Frankfurt, Germany, Thursday, May 23, 2019.

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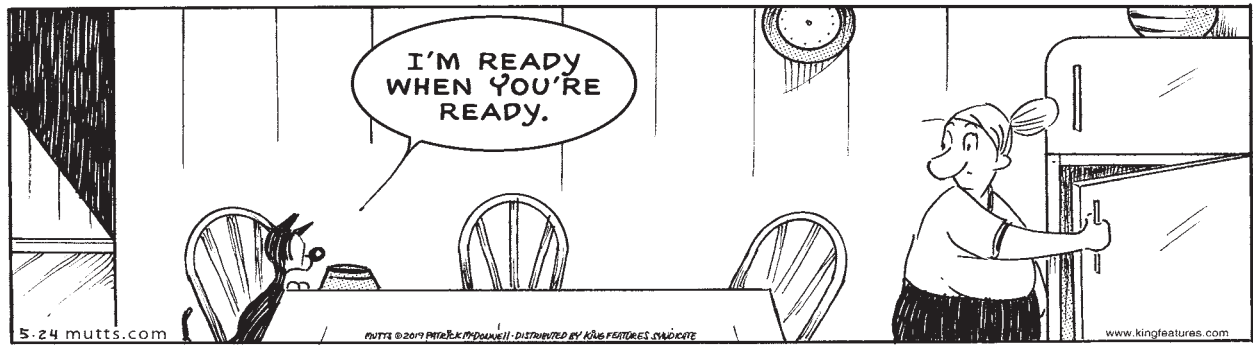
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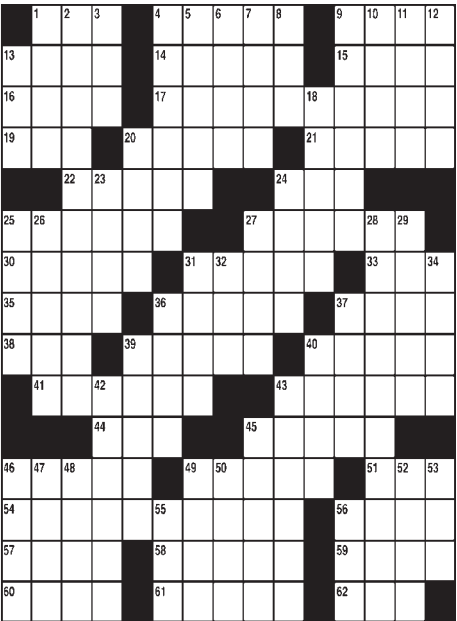
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

9	5	8	2	4	1	3	7	6
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- ACROSS
- 1 Come to the ___ of; assist
- 4 Tire groove pattern
- 9 Demonstrate
- 13 Pressed for ___; running late
- 14 "I ___ it Through the Grapevine"
- 15 ___ beans
- 16 Poor box contribution
- 17 Reheated
- 19 "There ___ tavern in the town..."
- 20 Sporting equipment
- 21 Unlocks
- 22 Charisma
- 24 Hurry
- 25 ___ at; strain to see
- 27 Willie or Ozzie
- 30 Yanks
- 31 Go bad
- 33 Actress Harper, to friends
- 35 Bona fide
- 36 Characteristic
- 37 Group of quail
- 38 However
- 39 Wedding cake layers
- 40 Less adorned
- 41 Huey, Dewey or Louie, to Donald
- 43 Geometric figure
- 44 Blushing
- 45 Language heard in Cardiff
- 46 Acting award
- 49 ___ plugs; engine igniters
- 51 Belt-maker's tool
- 54 Melania's home
- 56 The Bee Gees, e.g.
- 57 Sheet music symbol
- 58 Vital artery
- 59 Hideous
- 60 Drove too fast
- 61 Common metal
- 62 Sleeping spot



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

COWS	TAMS	SWAP
ALoud	RIOT	CARL
RENEE	AMBULANCE	
POD	FBI	MARTHA
ELECT	BBC	
SPREAD	SLEEPS	
LIMIT	SPIEL	ROB
AXES	STABS	HERE
PIN	SHINS	SAFES
ETCHER	DETERS	
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ESCORT	ENT	ELM
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SPAT	STAY	WEDS

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- DOWN
- 1 "What ___ you?"; inquiry about health
- 2 Spotless
- 3 ___ Moines
- 4 Obstruct; foil
- 5 Kingdom
- 6 ___ Grey tea
- 7 Up in ___; irate
- 8 ...FDR, HST, ___, JFK, LBJ...
- 9 Skiers' inclines
- 10 Bee's home
- 11 Foreboding sign
- 12 Major conflicts
- 13 Mai ___; colorful cocktail
- 18 Lacy mat under a vase
- 20 Declares illegal
- 23 Word after Bunker or Capitol
- 24 "If you can't stand the ___ get out..."
- 25 Energetic
- 26 Part of a royal flush
- 27 TV crime drama series
- 28 Engage in price gouging
- 29 ___ oranges; winter fruits
- 31 Mr. Carey
- 32 Corn cob
- 34 Stringed instrument
- 36 Even, as a score
- 37 Forbids entry to
- 39 "Been ___ done that"
- 40 Defraud
- 42 Yakety-yakked
- 43 Trix or Kix
- 45 Spend foolishly
- 46 ___ up; admits guilt
- 47 Window-___; look without buying
- 48 Give a traffic ticket to
- 49 Chimney sweep's coating
- 50 Untainted
- 52 Out of control
- 53 Actress Myrna
- 55 "Who ___ seen the wind? Neither I nor you..."
- 56 Bathroom feature



In this photo provided by the Max Planck Institute a wild chimpanzee eats a tortoise, whose hard shell was cracked against tree trunks before scooping out the meat at the Loango National Park on the Atlantic coast of Gabon, May 20, 2019.

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Chimpanzees spotted cracking open tortoises for meat

BERLIN (AP) — Scientists have observed wild chimpanzees tucking into an unusual snack: tortoises, whose hard shells they crack against tree trunks before scooping out the meat.

In a paper published Thursday by the journal Scientific Reports, researchers from Germany say the behavior they spotted dozens of times in a group of chimpanzees at Loango National Park in Gabon bolsters the notion that humankind's distant cousins develop their own distinct cultures.

Tobias Deschner, one of the authors of the paper, said that while chimpanzees and tortoises coex-

ist elsewhere — and other primates such as baboons and mandrills are known to feed on young, soft tortoises — scientists have never before spotted any that crack open and eat the reptiles.

One explanation could be that the Loango park region also has abundant hard-shelled fruit, like that from the strychnos tree, that also needs to be whacked against trees to open, prompting some enterprising chimpanzees to try the same on passing tortoises, he said. But Deschner and colleagues from the University of Osnabrueck said their observations in Loango suggest that's what happened. □



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Clotilda: Last U.S. slave ship discovered among gators, snakes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)

— The old wooden ship hull didn't look like much when researchers first saw it: just broken, waterlogged boards and a few pieces of rusted metal, all stuck in the muddy bottom of a bug-infested Alabama bayou where an alligator and poisonous water moccasins swam nearby.

Months later, after hundreds of hours of study and testing, historians say the wreck is the Clotilda, the last ship known to transport African captives to the American South for enslavement.

The question now becomes what to do with the remnants of a ghostly vessel that's a testament to the horror of human bondage. Some have suggested raising the ship and putting it in a museum. Others want it to become the centerpiece of a national memorial to the slave trade. Leaving the remains in the Mobile River and marking the area reverently is another possibility.

Joycelyn Davis, a descendant of one of the Africans held captive aboard the ship, said she wants to somehow honor both the ship's human cargo and the hard work of them and their descendants in forming Africatown USA, a coastal community where the Africans settled when they were freed from slavery after the Civil War.

"I got chills when it heard it," said Davis, who still lives in the area.

James Delgado, a maritime archaeologist who helped lead the team that verified the wreck as the Clotilda, said Thursday that the ship's remains are delicate but the potential for both research and inspiration are enormous.



In this undated image released by SEARCH Inc., maritime archaeologist Kyle Lent examines a wooden plank from the hull of Clotilda, in delta waters north of Mobile Bay, Ala.

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"Nobody has ever found one of these this intact and been able to dig it up, and that is now possible," said Delgado, of the Florida-based SEARCH Inc.

Officials with the Alabama Historical Commission will meet next week with residents in Africatown, just a few miles north of downtown Mobile, to detail the discovery and begin a discussion about the next steps.

The Clotilda's unique dimensions made it a one-of-a-kind Gulf Coast schooner, and it made multiple cargo trips in the region before plantation owner Timothy Meaher of Mobile hired it in 1860 for an illegal trip to Africa to gather slaves, Del-

gado said.

Importation of slaves had been banned in 1808 and was punishable by death, so the Clotilda's captain, William Foster, burned the vessel in a river bayou north of Mobile after unloading about 110 captives on to a steamboat.

Foster kept a detailed log of everything he did, Delgado said, and that helped lead to the discovery of the wreck.

A Mobile-area reporter, Ben Raines, spurred fresh interest in the Clotilda last year by publishing a detailed account of a wreck that could have been the Clotilda but turned out to be that of another wooden ship. The publicity resulted

in a new search that led researchers to the spot where a wreck was found. A team descended on the wooden hulk to take measurements and gather a few loose pieces for analysis.

Using detailed archival records of more than 1,500 ship registries, researchers determined the half-buried ship was the exact size and shape of the Clotilda. It was also in the same spot and the same depth of water where the captain wrote of scuttling the vessel to hide evidence after its one and only voyage as a slaver, Delgado said.

"About half of the ship rises above the river bottom," he said. "The hull is there, burned down to the water-

line and above it in a few places."

With a gator living nearby and snakes everywhere, research divers descended into the brackish, muddy coastal water to determine what remained. Visibility was virtually zero, and one diver standing in the hull nearly impaled herself on a broken plank, Delgado said.

"It is not a place anyone would want to dive," he said.

But teams were able to gather a few loose planks and pieces of metal, Delgado said, and forensic analysis showed they matched materials that detailed records showed were used in the Clotilda's construction.

One big question is what might be inside the still-unexcavated hold, where the African captives were kept. Delgado said the area could contain casks or food buckets or even manacles, but further excavation work is required.

While there are no known photographs of the Clotilda, Labarron Lewis of Mobile painted a giant roadside mural depicting the ship along a busy road through Africatown two years ago. The announcement of the ship's discovery came as he was planning to touch up the painting, which was based on an image he found on the internet.

It also left Lewis wondering whether he is a descendant of the Clotilda's last surviving African, Cudjo Lewis, who died in 1935 and was featured in the best-selling "Barracoon" by the late Zora Neale Hurston, released last year.

"My granddaddy's brother looked just like Cudjo Lewis," the painter said. □

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Rihanna feels the pressure as she makes fashion history

By THOMAS ADAMSON

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — Rihanna may have looked cool and collected next to the debut collection for her new fashion label, Fenty, donning a brilliant white tuxedo dress and a 1,000-watt smile. But on the inside it was another story.

"It's all a facade," said the Barbados-born star who has become the first black woman to launch a major Parisian fashion house.

"Pressure? Of course... I'm passionate about what I do, so there's pressure every single second. It's not like crumbling pressure, but it's like: 'You better get it good, girl.'"

News of the singer's groundbreaking deal with LVMH, the world's largest luxury group, shook up the fashion industry earlier this month. Rihanna is the first woman, and the first person of color, to create a major brand under the luxury giant from scratch. At age 31, that's no mean feat.

"This is a moment in history... It's a big deal for me and my entire generation," she said.

The collection is named



Rihanna poses as she unveils her first fashion designs for Fenty at a pop-up store in Paris, France, Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

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after the singer-turned-designer's last name: She was born Robyn Rihanna Fenty. The ready-to-wear, footwear, accessories, and eyewear are available for sale in Paris' Le Marais area in a popup store from Friday and will debut online May 29.

Speaking in the store amid snapping cameras, she said she felt the time was right to make a move like

this. It comes one year after LVMH's Louis Vuitton named its first ever African American designer for menswear, Virgil Abloh.

"Right now, fashion in general has been stepping up a lot and been vocal about issues — whether it's subtly or aggressively," she said.

While she said Fenty's ambitions are not "political," they're infused with the story of "me as an immi-

grant moving to America. That was a big journey for me. And to even get here to Paris — it's something to celebrate and embrace."

The singer already has a track record for embracing diversity in the luxury industry after she featured some 40 shades of foundation in her hugely lucrative Fenty Beauty line in 2017. Many said that revolutionized the makeup industry

and plugged a glaring gap in the market for women with diverse ethnic backgrounds.

That initiative was said to have caught the eye of Europe's most powerful luxury CEO, Bernard Arnault of LVMH.

But the launch — steered by an outsider with no formal design training — has also been greeted with a dose of cynicism.

Fenty is a recognition that the fashion industry now formally considers a major popstar to have as much to say in design as established figures such as Nicolas Ghesquiere of Louis Vuitton, or even the lauded Alber Elbaz, formerly of Lanvin. He is currently out of work.

Some say Fenty is the first major house of the Instagram age.

The Parisian fashion industry — dominated by white males — is famously snooty, and Rihanna will have a lot to prove. At the launch, top designers in attendance such as Balmain's Olivier Rousteing and Dior's Maria Grazia Chiuri studiously picked through the clothes on display. □

The Stray Cats in mostly fine form on 1st album in 26 years

By JEFF KAROUB

Associated Press

Stray Cats, "40" (Surfdog/BMG)

After 26 years, the Stray Cats are back with a new album. And the seasoned felines are in mostly fine form.

The boys who brought rockabilly back into the mainstream in the 1980s haven't lost a spare snare. The simple, elegant rhythm section of drummer Slim Jim Phantom and bassist Lee Rocker remains, providing a solid foundation for guitarist-singer Brian Setzer. Setzer's guitar still shimmies and sways and the voice is still there — though understandably a little huskier as time marches on.

No doubt, they've got the throwback sound down on "40," named to celebrate their anniversary.

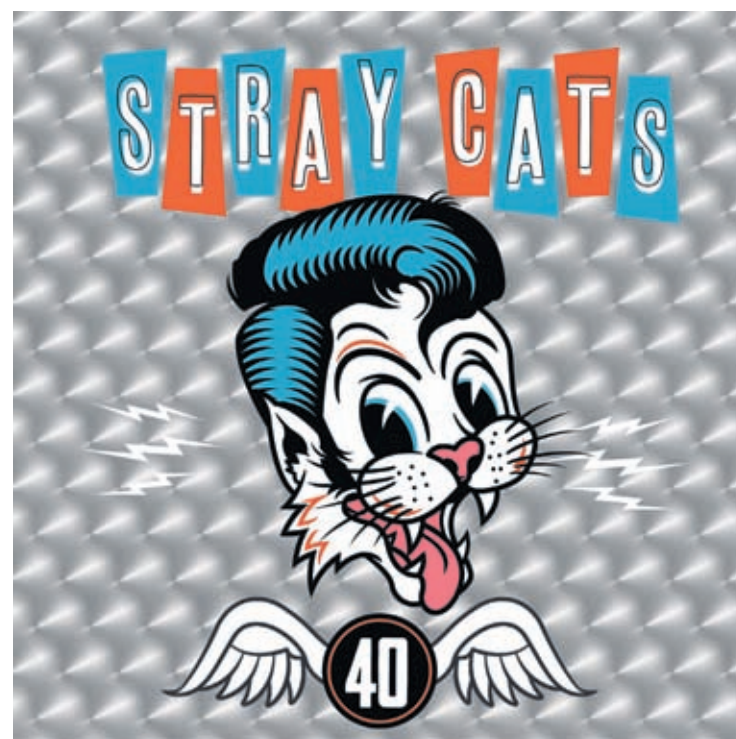
Fans looking for a good time will find it, including on the lead-off "Cat Fight (Over A Dog Like Me)." Like the Cats classic "Rock This Town," there's dancing, drinking and fighting. Well, this time it's mostly fighting — two women tussling over the affections of the narrator, the aforementioned "dog like me." The music rocks so joyously, you can deal with the tomcat-foolery.

Another highlight, "Cry Danger," offers a tight musical groove and inverts the Beatles' "Day Tripper" riff. Coupled with a boppin' bass and tambourine shake, you've got an original that's a worthy callback to the 1965 hit by another rockabilly-besotted band. So, if "40" rocks 'n' rolls, then what's lacking? Something that Setzer and Co. have

also done so well: craft enduring, memorable melodies. Go back and listen to "Stray Cat Strut," which, for all its goofiness (meeow!), contains one of the best bridges in all of pop music. There's also "I Won't Stand In Your Way," a gem in both its full band and a cappella versions.

One new song delivers the melodic goods: "Desperado" shines with soaring, aching musical lines from Setzer. Yet those come from his guitar, not voice, in this instrumental. That's no knock against it, but you can almost hear him singing with his guitar and wonder what it would have been like with words.

Bottom line? The Stray Cats can slink down the alley any way they choose. And this collection shows they've still got some life



This cover image released by Surfdog Records shows "40," the latest release by Stray Cats.

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(lives?) left. Still, it feels like a bit of a missed melodic op-

portunity when you know what else this trio can do. □

A cool concept lost in execution in 'Brightburn'

By LINDSEY BAHR
Associated Press
"Brightburn " is a one idea movie. What if a baby from another planet crash lands on earth and is adopted and raised by a nice childless couple living on a farm? This kid doesn't get hurt, never bleeds and, right around puberty starts to discover that he has superhuman strength too. At this point you're probably thinking that you've heard

this one before, right? Sure, everyone knows about Superman. But "Brightburn" twists that hero origin story and wonders what would happen if this alien child was not a good person. This is a kind of bad seed with superhero powers and it doesn't bode well for all those around him. It's an interesting premise, certainly, but the movie around it is wholly unexcep-



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Jackson A. Dunn in a scene from Screen Gems' "Brightburn."

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tional and rushes through key set up that might make the audience actually care for the characters in order to get to the sadistic gore. The film introduces Tori (Elizabeth Banks) and Kyle Breyer (David Denman) in their bedroom, surrounded by fertility books and talking about conceiving when a fiery object crash-lands in their field. The filmmakers must assume everyone coming in knows the basic

premise because it does nothing to help explain, cutting immediately to grainy home videos showing a little boy growing up surrounded by love. By this point you feel about as attached to the Breyer family as you might the family in a cereal commercial. When the montage ends, Brandon Breyer (Jackson A. Dunn) is about to turn 12. He's a smart kid, far beyond those in his class, and

he knows it. Although an outsider with his peers, the positive reinforcement he receives from his teacher, his mom and a pretty girl in his class go to his head and he starts believing he's superior to everyone. So you can only imagine what happens when a strength component and some demonic voices are added to the mix — a supervillain is born, and he is not messing around.□

Nik Wallenda and sister plan highwire walk over Times Square



In this April 27, 2015 file photo, Nik Wallenda answers questions at a news conference in front of the Orlando Eye, in Orlando, Fla.

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NEW YORK (AP) — For his next trick, daredevil Nik Wallenda plans to cross New York's Times Square — without his feet touching the ground.

ABC announced Thursday that Wallenda and his sister Lijana will cross the tourist hotspot during a 1,300-foot (396-meter) simultaneous highwire walk 25 stories above the ground. ABC will air the attempt during a two-hour prime-time special on June 23. It will be Lijana Wallenda's first highwire walk since a 2017 accident in Florida left her and four other members of the family's troupe seriously injured . The Times Square walk will involve unspecified safety devices, but organizers say it does not eliminate all risks. ABC says the siblings will start from opposite ends of the wire, which will be suspended between two of Times Square's towers, in-

cluding one that is home to The New York Times. Nik Wallenda said in a statement: "I am beyond excited to be able to walk with my sister, Lijana, as she overcomes near-death injuries and continues the Wallenda tradition of never giving up." His feats have included a 1,800-foot (549-meter) tightrope walk from the New York side of Niagara Falls into Canada in 2012 and a 2013 crossing of the Little Colorado River Gorge near the Grand Canyon. The special, which is being produced by dick clark productions, will include footage of the siblings' preparations and their family's history of death-defying stunts.□

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A host of celebrities speak out on criminal justice reform

By MARCELA ISAZA

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kim Kardashian West isn't the only celebrity speaking out for prison reform. It's a topic that was also very important to slain rapper Nipsey Hussle, and to Common, Kevin Hart and a host of others who consider the criminal justice system often unfair and dehumanizing.

Hussle served time before he was shot to death on March 31 and was raising awareness for changes. Last October, he headlined a free #TimeDone campaign concert to bring awareness to the 70 million Americans living with a past conviction.

In February, while attending the Grammy Awards, Hussle explained why the topic of prison reform was among his priorities.

"I grew up in South Central Los Angeles. You know we come from gang culture so we dealt with the system a lot," he told The Associ-



This combination photo shows the late rapper Nipsey Hussle, comedian Kevin Hart, rapper Common and reality star Kim Kardashian West, who are among the high-profile celebrities that are speaking out for prison reform.

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ated Press. "We saw firsthand over-sentencing, unfair probation, the policies and stuff, so to see people putting energy into reforming that and just making it a little closer to what's fair, you know what I mean? I think that it's an important subject. It's an important movement that we should all support."

Hussle was on the advisory board of WordsUncaged, a nonprofit where prisoners serving life sentences learn to reclaim their voices and

reflect upon the harm they have caused through narrative therapy and creative writing workshops.

Producer and rapper DJ Mustard, who is a Grammy winner and has collaborated with Hussle, has a cousin, Theodore, who is currently incarcerated. Mustard said prison reform is "super important" to him because often, people are "accused of something they didn't even do."

"They take the time for it not knowing, not having any

lawyers, not even being in the right state of mind to even fight the case or even have enough money to get a lawyer to fight the case," he said.

His cousin was sentenced to 80 years to life as a teenager.

"At that time, we didn't have money to go for a good lawyer and now we're fighting and fighting and fighting to get him out. That's a lot of people's cases throughout the world," Mustard said.

Common, a Grammy, Oscar and Emmy winner, was touched in particular by the cause through his work on the 2014 film "Selma," the story of the 1965 voting rights marches in Alabama. The "Glory" rapper has performed at numerous concerts inside California prisons and is a frequent visitor to the men of one in Los Angeles County where all are serving life sentences.

"I think one of the things that I've experienced from meeting men and women who were incarcerated was that they wanted to feel humanized. They wanted people to know that they were human beings," Common said. "The places that I've been, I've met some of the best human beings I've ever met in my life in prison that were doing life without parole that had actually committed violent crimes and had committed murders, but then were able to acknowledge that and try to move past it and do the work." □

'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' author Judith Kerr dies at 95

By GREGORY KATZ

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Judith Kerr, a refugee from Nazi Germany who wrote and illustrated the bestselling "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" and other beloved children's books, has died at the age of 95.

HarperCollins chief executive Charlie Redmayne announced her death Thursday. The publisher said she died at her home on Wednesday after a brief illness.

Kerr "was a brilliantly talented artist and storyteller who has left us an extraordinary body of work," he said.

The beguiling story of the tea-drinking tiger has been shared by parents with young children since it was first published in 1968 and has never been out of print. It has sold more than 5 million copies.

The book, with its memorable illustrations and simple surprises, conveys a sense of wonder and possibility that generations of chil-



In this May 23, 2003 file photo British writer Judith Kerr sits in her working room in London, England.

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dren embraced.

Her next book introduced Mog the cat, who starred in some 15 books and developed a large following until "Goodbye Mog" was published in 2002.

The popular feline was brought back in 2015 for

"Mog's Christmas Calamity," which raised more than 1 million pounds for a literacy campaign with charity Save the Children.

Her third book, "When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit", was an autobiographical story based on her family's es-

cape from Nazi Germany in the 1930s.

Cressida Cowell, author of the "How to Train Your Dragon" series, said Kerr was "a true creative hero" who will be missed.

"She came to this country as a refugee and has given

so much back with her joyful creations and gentle humor," Cowell said. "She has inspired generation after generation of children to read for pleasure."

Peter Florence, the director of Britain's Hay Festival, a literary event where Kerr made many appearances, said the author "had grace, born of wisdom, generosity of spirit and the resilience of a woman who had been a refugee from the extremes of 20th century history."

He said she has "brought millions of people to books" by bringing the Tiger and Mog to life.

"When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit is one of the great books of our times. I am so glad to have heard her in Hay so often. We've been blessed. And we have her with us forever in print."

Kerr was born in Berlin but left Germany with her family in 1933 to escape Nazi tyranny. The family settled in England, where she studied art and worked as a scriptwriter at BBC. □

Theme park to star 'Hunger Games,' 'Twilight'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Some of Lionsgate's most popular film franchises from "Hunger Games" to "Twilight" will be brought to life when the studio opens what it calls the world's first vertical theme park in China this summer. Lionsgate Entertainment World will offer several adventures including a virtual reality motorcycle ride based on "Twilight," a maximum-security prison breakout like in "Escape Plan" and a replica of The Capitol lobby from "Hunger Games," complete with shops where guests can fashion themselves in the film's distinctive couture. More than 25 rides and virtual reality experiences will pack a sleek, futuristic looking bean-shaped building that stands 10 stories high. The theme park, which will also include attractions based on films such as "Divergent," "Now You See Me" and "Gods of Egypt," is scheduled to open in July on Hengqin Island located in Zhuhai, China.

"We found a way to create this theme park experience inside of one box over multiple floors," said Jenefer Brown, senior vice president of Global Live and Location Based Entertainment at Lionsgate.

"We created experiences that are immersive, that tell stories and are organic to the brands," she said. "It's a mix of all the cutting-edge attractions that you'll find in entertainment right now."

Brown said Lionsgate decided to create its first theme park to expand their international brand into China where films like "Twilight" and "Gods of Egypt" are popular. She said the studio hopes to capitalize off Zhuhai's emerging status as a tourist destination and its proximity to Macau, which is considered the "Las Vegas of China." She said the Chimelong Ocean Kingdom theme park in Zhuhai has already drawn tens of millions of people. The Santa Monica, California-based company expects to have around 1.5 million park goers this year. "We would complement Macau," Brown said. "The



This rendering released by Lionsgate shows the atrium of Lionsgate Entertainment World, a virtual reality-heavy theme park set to open in July on Hengqin island in Zhuhai, China.

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idea is to have Vegas and Orlando right next to each other and create this super tourist destination. ... People are already coming here. But we're on the early side in terms of development on the island. It's growing into this dedicated kind of entertainment tourist place and virtual containment vessel."

Lionsgate Entertainment World would be the first movie-themed park on Hengqin Island. Disney has a theme resort in Shanghai, and Universal has plans

for a park based on its franchises, including "Fast and the Furious," in Beijing. The theme park will be a part of a large destination called Novotown, a multi-phase project that includes a hotel and office towers along with retail dining and entertainment. Future phases include plans for the National Geographic Ultimate Explorer and Real Madrid interactive experiences, as well as an international school will be built offering British-based education.

Here are some of the theme park's other features shown to The Associated Press during a recent sneak peek of the park's design and attractions:

FLYING, AND FASHION, IN "HUNGER GAMES"

Based on the four-part film series starring Jennifer Lawrence as Katniss Everdeen, park goers will journey through a motion simulator 3D ride experience called The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Flight Rebel Escape. It starts on the streets before riders board a vehicle

that gets picked up by a hovercraft that flies through The Capitol.

Guests will also have the opportunity to venture around the lobby area of The Capitol where they can get their hair, makeup and even nails done to look like a citizen of the "Hunger Games" films, including the look of chaperone Effie Trinket.

Restaurants will feature a "Hunger Games"-themed menu with different dishes inspired by the film's various districts.

BIKING WITH WOLVES IN "TWILIGHT"

Guests will have a chance to spend time in Forks, the town where author Stephenie Meyer based her vampire novels before they were turned into movies.

Twilight Saga: Midnight Ride offers a chance for four to hop on a motorcycle and take a virtual ride with Jacob Black and a pack of wolves on a dirt-bike adventure through the moonlit woods while an evil creature roams the area looking for blood.

Guests will control their bike's speed, which path it takes and see other riders during the excursion.

Twilight Saga: Bella's Journey will be an indoor amusement ride that highlights key moments from the films including Bella Swan's relationship with her vampire husband Edward Cullen and encountering The Volturi, the most powerful coven of vampires.

SOARING WITH THE "GODS OF EGYPT"

Gods of Egypt: Battle for Eternity will be a virtual reality roller coaster based on the 2016 film about Egyptian deities. Riders on the high-speed amusement train ride will don headsets and soar through ancient Egypt during an epic battle between good and evil.

PLOTTING AN "ESCAPE PLAN"

About 20 people work together to break out of a maximum-security prison in Escape Plan: Prison Break. The group faces a climbing challenge course and crawl through tunnels to escape to freedom. □



This rendering released by Lionsgate shows the aerial view of Lionsgate Entertainment World, a virtual reality-heavy theme park set to open in July on Hengqin island in Zhuhai, China.

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